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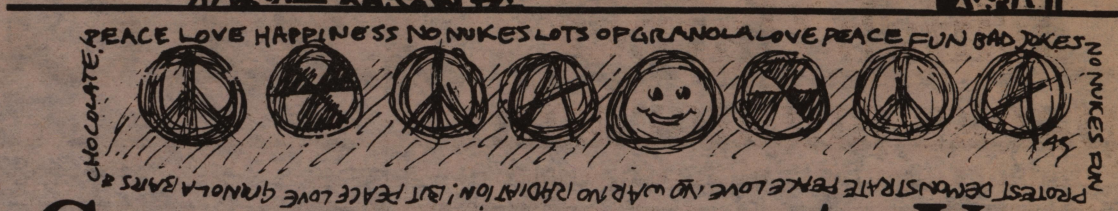

Greenpeace goes to Vegas to halt nuclear gamble

by Robert Burgess

Greenpeace is inviting anyone interested in demonstrating against nuclear testing to take a cheap trip to Nevada and maybe practice a little civil disobediance.

Greenpeace and the American Peace Test are co-sponsoring a large demonstration in early January.

The rally and accompanying peace conference are aimed at attracting the attention of the 118 countries participating in the Partial Test Ban Amendment Conference, said Brian Salmi, a Greenpeace Vancouver representative.

The Partial Test Ban conference is being held in the UN building in New York city, January 7-18, 1991.

The Partial Test Ban Treaty, which limits all testing of nuclear devices to underground explosions only, was signed by the participating countries in 1963.

The government of France continued to atmospherically test nuclear weapons, while the other four nuclear testing countries, the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain and China continued to test underground.

They have estimated they "require" another 10 years of testing.

Anti-nuclear protest groups are pushing for a Comprehensive Test Ban.

Only the U.S. is stopping the Comprehensive Ban from being implemented.

Salmi said Greenpeace organizations across Canada are organizing participation in a protest/conference on January 4 and 5.

Canadian delegates will travel in Greenpeace subsidized buses down to Las Vegas, Nevada, to participate in an informal conference on Jan.4, followed by a protest march to bear witness to arrests resulting from a massive act of civil resistance on the Nevada Test Site.

The conference will be informal. Opportunities to network with and learn from delegates from all over the world will be interspersed with talks by delagates directly affected by nuclear testing: natives of French Polynesia, the northern Soviet Union and Nevada will speak on their problems.

Salmi predicts delegates from over 100 countries, including over 100 the Soviet Union, "possibly even members of the Supreme Soviet."

The next day should be taken up with a rally at the gates of the Nevada Test Site, home of almost all American and British nuclear tests throughout the history of testing.

The crowd will be called upon to bear witness to the many predicted arrests of people who will cross the barrier onto the test site itself.

In past years, this demonstration has involved civil resistance to rival even that of Ghandi's salt marsh action.

Salmi emphasizes this civil resistance is completely optional.

Participants in the rally need not be arrested.

Any Canadian planning to be involved in the arrests is requested to notify Greenpeace Vancouver and undergo civil disobedience training in Vancouver prior to the trip.

Buses and vans are planning to leave Vancouver on New Year's Day and return Jan. 8.

Greenpeace is subsidizing the expense of the buses and Salmi estimates the cost will be about $50 per person, return.

Once down there, accomodations of the nature of "crash space" will be available for around two or three bucks a night. Insurance is also available through Greenpeace.

Anyone interested in this trip should contact Greenpeace by Dec. 14. Send replies to: Greenpeace, c/o Stop Nuclear Testing, 1726 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, B.C., V5N-4A3. Fax: 604-253-0114. □

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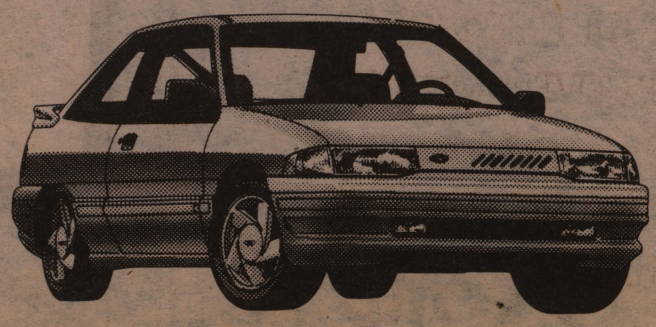

NEWS

Elijah Harper packs auditorium

by James MacKinnon

The people who were lucky enough to hear Elijah Harper speak helped to make the evening an intense and emotional learning experience.

Nearly 500 students squeezed into the David Lam Auditorium Nov. 29 to listen to Harper and other speakers talk about aboriginal issues ranging from land claims to human rights abuses.

Harper and Jennie Jack were keynote speakers, and the talk opened with the uproarious and joyful sounds of Saanich's Thunderbird Singers.

The event was mediated by Alex Jamieson, a representative of the Native Students' Union, whose president, Roger Grey, performed a welcoming dance.

Tom Sampson, chair of the South Island Tribal Council, and Chief Andy Thomas of the Esquimalt band (both Coast Salish) were the first to welcome the speakers.

They also introduced the word around which the rest of the presentation would revolve: "No."

The word, used by Harper to block the Meech Lake Accord, was referred to many times in the course of the evening.

A spirited speech by Phillip Paul, chief negotiator for the Saanich Band during their successful talks with the Saanich school board, followed.

"The only two ways you can take land away from people internationally is by war, or by agreement. In Canada we've established ... a third way -- by occupation," he said.

"They used to say if you took something from someone, it makes you a thief, but apparently it can make you an owner as well."

Wearing a Mohawk Warrior Society T-shirt, Paul also focussed on the power of saying no.

"It's time we said no to our invisibility," he said.

Jennie Jack, a member of the Tlingit band from Atlin, B.C. who answered the call to join in the Oka barricades, was welcomed by a standing ovation.

Her speech reflected a side to the

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Sherryl Yeager

LET THEM KEEP THEIR COATS - Anti-fur protestors gathered at Centennial Square in the blustery cold to protest furs. The rally was organised by Citizens for Ethical Treatment of Animals. Speakers urged people to boycott stores which sold furs, in particular the Hudson's Bay.

Uncertain future for UVic refugee students

by Oliver Ho

Refugee students in Victoria won't be affected by the insolvency of the World University Services of Canada organisation until next year.

"The local committee will continue because we are a support group for these students and we're also involved in developing education for the UVic community," said Steve Burri, member of the WUSC group in Victoria.

The Bank of Montreal cut off on Nov. 30 the line of credit it had given to the organisation.

As a result, about 400 Canadians on contract overseas were left stranded and about 500 refugee students in the country lost their financial support.

It is now up to the Canadian International Development Agency to give emergency support, or WUSC may be forced out of business.

Burri gave a brief presentation to the Dec. 3 meeting of the UVic Students' Society Board of Directors asking for letters in support of WUSC to be sent to Monique Landry, which the board agreed to send.

Landry is the Minister of State for International Relations and the person responsible for the international development agency.

The World University Service is one of the oldest and largest non-governmental organisations in Canada, and had received regular contracts from CIDA for overseas development projects.

It is responsible for interviewing and selecting refugee students to come to Canada to continue their studies. Local committees are then responsible for sponsoring the students.

There are two general categories of refugee students at UVic, said Burri in an interview later.

The first deals with students sponsored by the local WUSC committee and supported by grants from the Students' Society and the University.

There have been one or two stu-

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Ex-political prisoner discusses South African apartheid

by Tracee Johnson

Those outside of South Africa are being led to believe that apartheid is coming to an end.

According to Khela Shubane, however, "Inside South Africa progress is not happening."

Khela Shubane spoke to a small group of people in the Cinecenta on November 29. His short speech focussed on the process towards equality in South Africa, and the growing violence amongst blacks.

Shubane is a former South African political prisoner who was incarcerated on Robben Island from 1977 at age 20. He was officially charged for being a member of the ANC and for recruiting others into the ANC.

Shubane mentioned "torture and interrogation" when describing his five year prison term (ending in 1982). He spent one year in a communal section with 16 to 17 others and his remaining four years were spent in a single cell section.

"You get used to it," he said.

Shubane emphasized that although the Western media, ever since the release of Nelson Mandela, has been painting a rosy picture of life in South Africa, within the country nothing much has changed.

"The critical thing needed is that the transition process (towards equality) must be democratized.

"The economy is safely within the white community," said Shubane "therefore change is a long time to come." Discussion also focussed on recent violence amongst blacks in the Transvaal state.

"(There is) a fair amount of government involvement in the violence," said Shubane.

Because of the superiority of the weaponry, there is "no source other than the state for these weapons," he said.

"Problems are directly a result of the government," he said. "They have devastated the country." □

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EDITORIAL

Don't cut the cash

At a time when a little peace and understanding go a long way to foster international connections and assistance, the government could stop pumping money into military toys and send a smidgen of that $350 million to WUSC.

The Bank of Montreal pulled the plug on World University Services of Canada financing last week, stranding 400 Canadian contract workers abroad and chopping off funds for international students now in Canada.

WUSC committees sponsor refugee students and send Canadians overseas to learn about international development firsthand.

WUSC is the largest non-governmental organization in Canada. It assists young people planning a career in international development, and helps campuses sponsor students from countries that cannot educate them at home.

This precedent of shutting down an organization whose programs are crucial to global communication and understanding is totally unacceptable.

If the organisation does not receive help, then it will all end, basically, with apparently no notice.

The local WUSC group has form letters that students can sign.

The group will send them individually to Monique Landry, minister of state for international relations, and the person responsible for the Canadian International Development Agency.

The letters protest the abrupt closure of WUSC and ask her to consider the impact WUSC's closure on Canada's image abroad, as well as on the lives of all the people who rely on the organisation for education or employment.

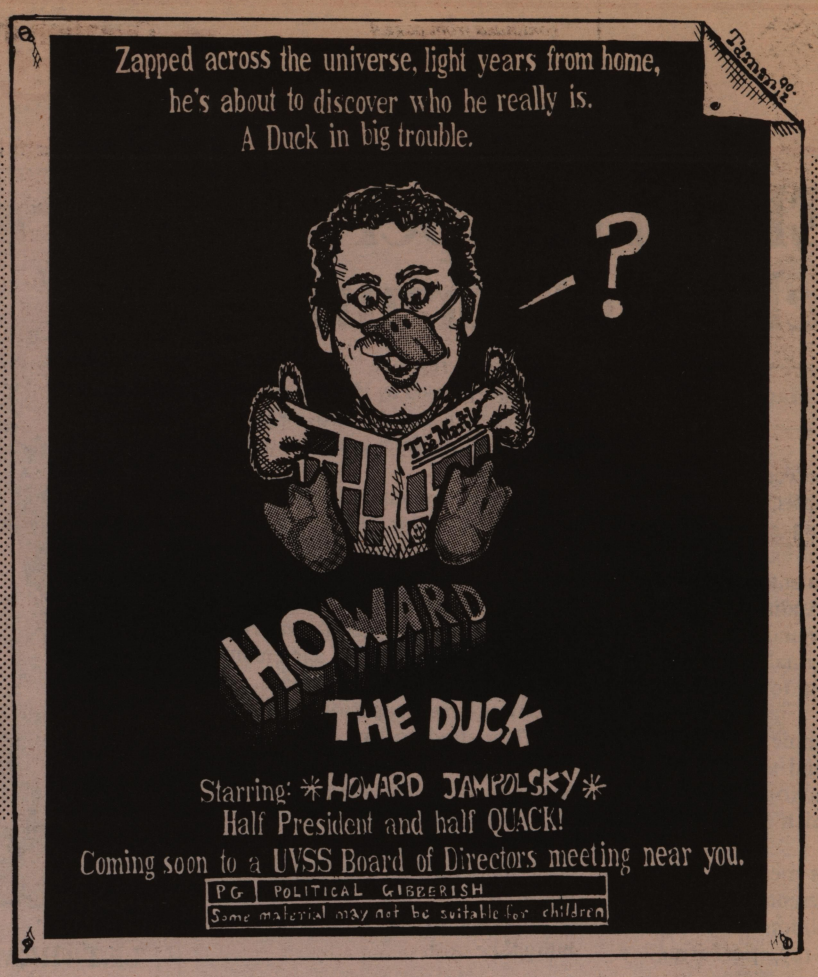
The WUSC organisation is waiting to see if CIDA will give them financial support.

If students put their return address on the letter, they will receive an individual letter back.

As the letters state, the closure of WUSC leaves thousands of refugees with the loss of another route to a future with dignity.

WUSC's initiatives are the sort of international presence Canada should send, not troops to the Persian Gulf.

Editorial topics are decided by staff at editorial meetings. They are written by one or more staffers with input from all present at the meetings. □



The *Martlet* has an open letters policy and will undertake to print every letter received from members of the university community. Letters must be **TYPEWRITTEN** (you can use *Martlet* machines), double spaced and include your name, student number and a phone number for verification. **LETTERS MUST BE 200 WORDS MAXIMUM.** Editors reserve the right to edit ruthlessly for length and libelous content. Deadline is Monday noon. Letters will be priorized in the order received. Only one submission from the same person will be printed per week. Letters with pseudonyms will not be printed. Letters will not be edited for spelling or grammar.

Help collect food for the needy

Editors:

Its Christmas time, and we're all having fun...Or are we?

While we will soon be taking a well deserved break from the Ivory tower, many people will be experiencing tough times on the streets of Victoria.

Instead of Christmas being a time of joy, it often becomes a time of resentment for those who cannot afford the basic necessities that make this holiday season so special for most of us.

Let's do something about it!

Members from a variety of UVic political clubs will be organizing in a Non-Partisan Alliance to sing Christmas Carols and collect food for the needy.

We will be meeting at the Barley Mow pub on Saturday December 15 at 7 p.m. We will walk through the neighborhood to sing and collect food which will then be given to the Salvation Army.

This event is not just for political activists. The Non-Partisan Alliance is a symbol of how different political groups can work together for a good cause.

We welcome ALL students to spare an evening of their time this Christmas season in this most worthy undertaking. Merry Christmas!

For more information, please contact me at 744-1173

Troy J. DeSouza
Director UVSS

So *that's* what happened

EDITORS:

Re: Violation of Hiring Procedures by Board Member

On behalf of the Board of Directors the personnel committee would like to explain an incident that occurred at our October 30 meeting.

Cameron St. John, a director, revealed confidential information regarding a hiring procedure. Cameron allegedly was given the information by another person who had found it, the information had been misplaced by a member of the hiring committee.

Steps have been taken to ensure the confidentiality of such information in the future.

Cameron's actions have been censured by the Board of Directors.

Cameron was suspended by the Board at the meeting of November 6 until we could consult with an attorney.

The attorney was requested to review our constitution and Roberts rules of order to provide us with a list of options of disciplinary action.

The suspension proved to be an act outside of the Board's power. The only options open to the Board were censure and impeachment.

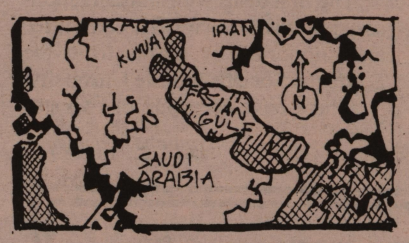
The Board recognizes Cameron's actions were of a very serious nature, however, we felt impeachment was not an appropriate disciplinary action.

Cameron was directed to write letters of apology to all members of the hiring committee, to the candidate named at the meeting, and to the Board of Directors.

The Board has been directed to review the constitution and propose amendments regarding disciplinary actions.

The personnel committee has also written a letter to staff explaining the incident.

Oona Padgham
Gary Hartford
c/o Personnel Committee



Get educated about the Gulf

Editors:

We need to question Western intervention in the Gulf.

A Gulf war would involve a huge range of the most destructive weapons existing in the world.

U.S. ships in the Persian Gulf have been estimated to carry more than five hundred nuclear weapons, and still more exist on land and in submarines.

The Iraqi's are in possession of thousands of tons of chemical weapons including the mustard and nerve gasses tabun and sarin.

When war breaks out, hundreds of thousands of people could die.

The Western cry that intervention in the Middle East is justifiable on the grounds Iraq broke international law is disgusting in its hypocrisy.

The U.S. has consistently abused the rights of sovereign nations (Grenada, Panama, Nicaragua, their list is endless) without condemnation from the international community.

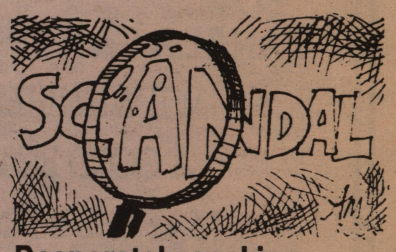
Canada must also be condemned.

Prime Minister Mulroney chose to follow the advice of George Bush rather than consult parliament regarding the deployment of Canadian vessels.

This tendency to jump on the bandwagon is dangerous and hardly furthers Canada's image as a peaceful nation.

Come get educated and inform other on the Gulf crisis at a Teach-In, sponsored by the Anti-War Coalition, Dec. 5 11am - 2pm, Cinecenta.

Naomi Johnson
& Oona Padgham
UVIC Students for
Peace and Disarmament



Desperately seeking scandal

Editors:

My opinion of Mr. Jampoksky, his political disposition, his critics, and their political dispositions is irrelevant to my perception: Issue after issue of *The Martlet* has induced me to theorize that *The Martlet* and Mr. Jampolsky's critics are desperately seeking a Jampolsky-gate.

With any issue of The *Martlet*, I

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Quote of the Week: *We don't have one, so, like make up your own, man! Happy Holidays!*
The Phantom

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expect to read some incriminating audio tapes have been discovered.

Yours respectfully,

Lee Faire

Cell destruction is not murder

Editors:

This is in response to Stephen Newlove's letter regarding the scientific "agreement" on abortion.

He states there is an overwhelming agreement new human life begins at the moment of conception.

From this he concludes abortion is therefore murder.

The important question is this: when does that new human life (merely a collection of chromosomes) become a person?

I agree a fertilized egg is new human life.

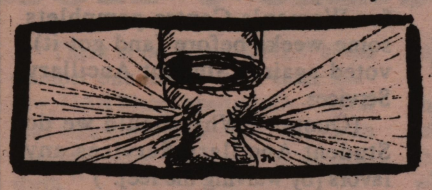
The egg was alive and human, the sperm was alive and human, so naturally is the fertilized egg; it is just as alive and human as any newly created skin or muscle cell.

Murder is the killing of a person, not the destruction of cells.

When do those cells become a person?

I agree with Doug Whittier the answer to that question is not cut and dry, and therefore abortion is not murder - cut and dry.

Aaron Fyke



Gold-plate the washrooms

Editors:

Dear Mr. McNeely,

I was quite surprised to receive your request for the Annual Giving Campaign. Any university that can afford to spend $340,000 on a fountain surely doesn't need to go begging from door to door.

Instead of buying an outdoor ornament, UVic could have purchased library materials, laboratory equipment, bursaries, fellowships, research space, or anything that would support the "quality of education" you mention in your brochure.

The decision to buy a fountain suggests either UVic has plenty of funding already (so you don't need any donations from me) or the people in charge of the money don't give a damn about quality of education.

If I give anything to your campaign, it will probably end up being used to purchase a ferris wheel (more fun than a fountain or to gold-plate the faucets in the washrooms (if you want ornamentation, let's get serious about it).

Jane McEwan

Question the impending war

Editors:

Is Sadaam Hussein the Hitler of modern times, or does this idea suggest a manipulation of our emotions at the expense of our intellect?

Are our motives in the gulf intended to protect the innocent peoples of Kuwait, or are we protecting a resource dependency which is lethally threatening to our environmental well-being?

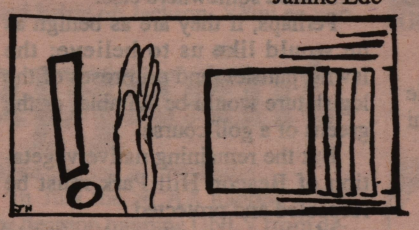
To what extent should Canadian women and men accommodate U.S. police action in the Middle East? Should Canada support peaceful negotiation or military aggression?

Will the U.S. stop at removing Iraq from Kuwait, or do their intentions include establishing themselves there? How many tax dollars can we afford to spend supporting this action, and how many lives can we afford to risk?

How many people must die before we express our dissent?

Come to a Teach-In at the Cinecenta on December 5 anytime from 11 am to 2 pm to learn some and express you own views about the impending war.

Janine Ede



Boycott does not impress

Editors:

Talk about black-listing Canadians, the *Martlet*'s RCMP boycott justification (Siding Against The Redcoats - Nov. 8/90) is a narrowly focused, one-sided attempt to smear an organization on the basis of some alleged evidence of "historical" injustice.

The *Martlet* Staff quoted Globe and Mail and other articles with sanctified fervor under the guise they offered objective support for their grand conclusion, that the RCMP is an "implicitly unjust" organization.

These articles raise issues of concern but do not somehow offer proof of what has been inferred.

The broad leap to the guilty verdict is a bit too much to swallow. Sorry, not impressed.

Your boycott likens itself to a 90's version of McCarthyism!

D. Stern

Involve restaurants in recycling

Editors:

This is a request directed towards all restaurant management; asking them to become involved with recycling.

As commercial waste accounts for over 50 per cent of the total city waste, it is imperative that recycling is not only installed at the home and office; but at commercial ventures such as restaurants.

For an environmental action project we installed a recycling program into the O'Donals restaurant on Maple Street.

We found it to work not only effectively, but efficiently.

The advertisement of using recycling also boosts the restaurant's appeal.

For this to continue, public support is needed to encourage the C.R.D. to implement a pick-up system for commercial ventures.

There is no drawbacks to recycling. Let's all work for a greener, cleaner world in Victoria.

Susan Bossons
Maria Klassen
Mona-Jean Miller-Tait
Jon Preston

Student populace varied

Editors:

In the November 8 explanation of *Martlet* boycott policies, your staff states, "unjust actions against environmentalists" have rendered the RCMP unworthy of advertising space in the student newspaper.

I would like to suggest that this police force has done many things to protect the law-abiding citizens of this country.

Your attempts at retribution for past injustices do nothing to broaden the outlook of your readers.

As for your refusal to publish the advertising of "forestry company propaganda," I have a problem with your decision to completely eliminate one side of a complex issue. Your view of what constitutes propaganda is highly subjective.

You have adopted the role of my social conscience, however keep in mind that I am not attending university to be sheltered.

I am here to be educated. Responsible decisions are not made on the basis of one perspective.

Therefore, I find your advertising policy to be totally unreasonable, inappropriate and irresponsible.

Your blatant left-wing bias is not

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Merry Axe-mess

by James McKinnon

Christmas is a great analogy for autonomy, believe it or not.

Like Xmas, autonomy is based on simple, harmless principles which are too easily turned into a political game of cabbage-patch warfare.

The *Martlet* is a divisive, outspoken, shit-stirring and ultimately democratic organization, much like a Flintstones-variety family.

What brings such T.V. world families together? Christmas.

What unites the entire *Martlet* staff? Autonomy.

Simple, common sense ideas. Even atheists like me and the grinch can warm up to the underlying principles of such ideals.

The *Martlet* Xmas list is short. We want to form a separate society, similar to CFUV's Radio Society, which would regulate the legal and financial application of a $2.50 direct student levy.

That's it. Santa can leave our stocking empty. Hell, we'll even take a lump of coal if we get that one gift in the spring referendum.

We don't want to be able to exclude people from the paper, dictate editorial policy, entrench leftist dogma, stifle freedom, overthrow the free market, or force everyone to wear grey velour.

The paper is dynamic, a forum for learning journalism and for discussion throughout the campus. These functions cannot and will not end with autonomy.

Those who would vote against autonomy condemn change. Out of spite and generally non-Christmasesque behaviour, they would stifle the liberty and function of not only this year's staff but every staff to come.

That's a lot of folks.

I ask those people to consider, over basted poultry or tofu, the implications of maintaining the financial status quo because of concerns over changeable editorial policy.

I ask them to remember autonomy is not an end, and that their ideas will still have a place and a voice in the new years.

I ask them to stop pulling hair over cabbage patch dolls and just check what's in the next damn aisle.

Happy holidays.

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shared by everyone.

I would be most interested to see a non-aligned *Martlet*, or at least a newspaper that more accurately represents the varied political views of the student population as a whole.

Only then will you truly deserve autonomy and widespread support in the university community.

Danielle Stokes

Give Howie a chance

Editors:

In the article in the November 29 issue of the *Martlet* Howard Jampolsky was accused of wrong doing because he did not previously address the board about a meeting with Dr. James Ham.

But, who really was in the wrong?

President David Strong said "Jampolsky did not have any power to reschedule the meeting..." consequently, this should have been a dead issue, but the board proceeded to force it.

Since David Strong felt "it was not in (Ham's) mandate to say anything about student administration", and that "the president would be the person to talk to", I'm confused as to why the board is so upset.

I've come to the conclusion the only reason this issue has persisted is because of the BOD's own selfish aspirations.

Therefore, it was not Howard that was wrong, it was the selfishness of the BOD.

From what I've seen, Jampolsky has been serving the students of UVic faithfully, and has received a "bad rap" from both the *Martlet* and the BOD.

We voted Howard Jampolsky to act as our President, now let's give him a chance to do his job.

Marissa Walker

Ban leafblowers

Editors:

Leafblowers are a symbol of idiocy in the 1990's.

We concerned leaf lovers are deeply distressed by the use of these heinous contraptions on campus.

Who has the right to dictate where a leaf should or should not be?

Shouldn't nature be allowed to take its course? Leaves have rights too.

Leafblowers are abusive to leaves, disrupting them from where nature had placed them, just to put them in neat orderly piles for the sake of aesthetics.

They make terrible noises when trying to sleep or study in the library and are a waste of power.

We should demand leaf-blowers be prohibited from inflicting pain on all those poor leaves.

Write the president, demand the students' society take action, or better yet, just unplug them.

Leaves are beings too.

Rescue a leaf.

Wear it on your lapel to show you too hate leafblowers.

Machinery has no right to dominate over us and nature.

In this peace loving green world how can leaves go unnoticed, trodden upon, blown away?

This is cruel, unjust punishment to the leaves.

Leafblowers destroy the balance of nature. Give leaves a chance.

Finally, take action to mess up and destroy any leaf pile you encounter.

Include your friends in leafblower bashing!

Free the leaves.

Two concerned leaf lovers,

Esmeralda M. O'Toole

Alisha F. Bellini

Don't run on the flowers

Editors:

Beacon Hill is the oldest park in B.C.

Its native plant habitats include a number of rare species and they are of increasing ecological significance.

From orchids to butterflies, we have here a great diversity of life to explore and observe in a spirit of appreciation and learning.

However, one senior botany student/runner at UVic "doesn't think" runners should be asked to be responsible and to stop pounding around on the vegetation.

His position is quite unenlightened.

There is no need for runners to be compacting the ground in the wildflower areas.

Roads can be closed for such

racing events or the races can be conducted somewhere else.

Perhaps, if they are as benign as he would like us to believe; the lawns, pansies, and primroses of the legislature would be suitable; or the greens of a golf course.

But the remaining native vegetation of Beacon Hill Park must be respected and protected.

Much more ought to be said in defence of the Park.

Interested people are welcome to give me a call at 383-4504.

Keith Gibbens

Be aware this Christmas

Editors:

Christmas is Coming!

This is the biggest selling season for the shops around Victoria.

But if this is a season of good will then think twice!

In the Third World individuals are paid ridiculously low wages without the safety precautions essential in Canada.

In one electronics plant in Hong Kong 48% of those who worked with chemicals had constant headaches, 39% were often drowsy and 36% had frequent sore throats.

Women in this type of work place are especially vulnerable to sexual harassment.

One woman working in a Mattel factory said, "We call our company 'motel' because we are often told to lay down or be laid off."

Women are also often paid far less than their male counterparts.

In Sri-Lanka a woman often has to work for 38 hours to buy a T-shirt.

There are alternatives.

In the Mathare Valley, Kenya, the cooperative, Life-line Crafts, provides an alternative to starvation for the 120,000 people living there by sending crafts to the First World where they are sold for a fair wage.

In the poorest "barrios" of Santiago, Chile, women make "arpilleras," beautiful wall hangings displaying scenes from their lives.

It is projects like these which the Global Village Store supports by providing an outlet for some of Victoria's most beautiful crafts.

Put Justice on your shopping list!

Andrew Gage

Leave personal politics behind

Editors:

Nov. 19, I introduced a motion "BIRT the UVSS BOD reaffirm its commitment to the general welfare of the students of UVic before all other concerns"

It failed.

I introduced the motion because of a recent BOD decision not to waive the $100 fee to lease the Cinecenta for the Labatt's Road Driving Scholarship.

The motion to waive the fee failed because it wasn't raised by one of Gary's flunkies.

The debate at the meeting was nauseous, to say the least.

Director Val Hemminger, who had requested $100 from the Board for Women's Centre pamphlets some weeks before (and got it), voted against Student Ancillary Services.

(Quote: "Why should we do Student Ancillary Services any favors [by waiving the fee].")

Apparently Val doesn't care who gets hurt, so long as she gets her handouts and her revenge.

Perhaps she should perform a study onto whether more students die in alcohol-related accidents or by self-induced abortions.

The left-wing which currently controls the BOD have consistently shown their resolve to place personal political interests ahead of student interests.

This is evident by the daycare scandal during the summer, the appointment of biased election officials to the electoral committees, and the defeat of Howard Jampolsky's "propaganda" motion.

And so far, none of the newly elected directors have shown any willingness to do anything other than follow their own political agendas and to follow Gary and Elizabeth like obedient sheep.

Shannon Mitchell
Director, UVSS

P.S. If any students have any concerns, feel free to drop them off at my "office" at Wallace 333.

Student insulted

Editors:

The *Martlet's* editorial in the November 29 issue was infuriating and insulting!

Youth Protecting Youth, a student group I do not necessarily support, asked the UVSS and the *Martlet* to put an end to an unimaginably intolerant *Martlet* censorship policy. The *Martlet's* response in it's last editorial was to label the group "smug zealots with a knee-jerk p.o.v." and "kiddies."

What an unbelievable attitude towards students considering we are forced to financially support the *Martlet* to the tune of nearly $40,000 per year. Furthermore, we are again shown that those unable to argue their "p.o.v." on any logical basis resort to childish name-calling tactics.

It is difficult to understand how a group of people living in a free and democratic society can actually think that way and be proud of it!

Yeah, "shit happens!"

And get this! According to the *Martlet*: "Overall, however, 'Bias' and 'Censorships' are great words."

What in the hell does this mean?

"It's good to strive towards a standard of fairness and open-mindedness but don't expect the *Martlet* to?"

Who on God's green Earth bestowed upon the *Martlet* staff this great moral authority which permits them to push aside integrity so righteously? What hypocrisy! Have they no shame?

Perhaps it is time for the silent majority on this campus to stand up and say "HELL NO!"

Paul Strain

Paper cups are unrecyclable

Editors:

The letter from three Geography students in the November 29 *Martlet* advocating use of paper cups rather than styrofoam is somewhat misguided!

Dr. Hocking (Chemistry) did an extensive analysis of this issue in last April's *Ring*, however in summary the paper cup consumes 3 times its weight in raw wood, as much petroleum for energy, and 21 times as much mass of chemicals for processing as does a foam cup.

Two hundred times as much power and six times the cooling water are required.

The paper cup is therefore about 2.5 times more expensive than a foamed one, and what is more because of the wax coating is not recyclable; you cannot use untreated paper or cardboard to hold liquids!!

If we wanted to, polystyrene foam containers could be recycled either for the styrene or for their energy (have you thrown a foam cup on a barbecue and noticed it shrivel, depolymerise and then burn?) quite easily.

The ozone layer is not threatened by polystyrene cups - no CFC's have been used to blow foam since 1987, the more environmentally benign pentane or isbutane (like lighter fluid) are used.

So its not quite as simple as at first it seems.

By all means urge as strongly as possible to recycle, reuse, etc., but it is not necessarily in our best interests to substitute unless all the facts are known.

Anyone who would like a copy of Dr. Hocking's original article can obtain one from Chemistry, and one has been sent to the *Martlet* office.

Rg Mitchell
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NEWS

Directors debate

by Oliver Ho

Debate over payment for directors, questions regarding the *Martlet*, and letters of support, information, and disagreement were the highlights at the Dec. 3 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Students' Society.

Stance Stands

The board reaffirmed its committment to *Martlet* editorial autonomy Monday night.

The affirmation came their answers to questions by several members of the gallery regarding the two requests made by representatives of the Youth Protecting Youth group at the Nov. 26 board meeting.

The representatives asked the board to sent the paper a letter recommending the staff change its boycott policies. Failing that, they wanted a refund of their Society fees contributing to the *Martlet*.

"The board is in no position to send an order to the *Martlet*," said Society President Howard Jampolsky.

The Society passed the paper's constitution at the spring, 1990, annual general meeting, and it says the paper has editorial autonomy.

"I sympathize (with the group) but we don't have the authority to make recommendations," he said. "The membership of the Society has taken that authority away ... if people have a problem with this constitution they should have been at that meeting."

The refund request was also turned down.

The board later passed a compromise motion to send the *Martlet* an informational letter explaining the nature of the presentation they received on Nov. 26, and stating that they will in no way make a judgment on the paper's editorial or advertisng policy.

Letters sent

Among the various letters the board agreed to send at their Monday meeting was one condemning the Vancouver Police for the actions against the squatters, and one endorsing an equity hiring policy for the university.

"I was pretty disgusted by the whole spectacle of SWAT teams ... riding over people's belongings," said Russ Williams, vp- services.

"It's interesting, when you can't pay rent they tear down the house," said Elizabeth Loughran, vp-academic.

"We all rely on our police force ... (so) I don't know if we should go around condemning them," said Director Martin Hoffman. "When there's a violent aspect in society I'm glad they're there."

"I think police by in large aren't bad people," said Director Kyle Patching, (but) I disagree with this particular action."

The letter regarding the equity hiring policy was penned by Howard Jampolsky, addressed to the Senate.

"We all must understand that women need to be represented in faculty. Hopefully, in the near future, hiring mechanisms such as this will not be required. It is only through the successful implementation of programs such as this that will bring about necessary change," the letter states.

The letter was endorsed by the board, and was sent in response to a motion proposed for the Dec. 5 Senate meeting by Student Senator George Pringle.

His motion would have the Senate oppose the way in which the equity hiring policy has been implemented, but support the policy itself.

It also proposes the policy be implemented in a way discrimination doesn't occure by ordering hiring committees to select candidates based on gender.

Pay debated

Directors debated at the Monday meeting whether or not to pay themselves for their expenses, but the eight-month-old issue remains unresolved.

There was a motion on the agenda proposing a change to the Society's constitution that would have said no at-large director shall receive any honoraria or renumeration.

"I think we're a volunteer-based organisation," said Gary Hartford, vice-president finance. "The service (directors) do should be their primary focus."

Director Claire Heffernan suggested several months ago reimbursing directors $10 each for every meeting they attend, in order to cover gas and food expenses.

There are 12 at-large directors on the board, who all volunteer their time to the Society. The four executives (president, vp- academic, vp-finance, vp-services) have full-time paid positions.

Hartford said renumerating directors would set a bad precedent.

"What happens if someone comes up here and doesn't participate? How do you quantify the amount of work people put in? How do you justify spending $10? Why not $20, why not $30?" he said.

"It sets an incredibly dangerous precedent."

Agreeing to renumerate directors could lead to future boards deciding to give themselves free dinners, free drinks, discounts and more, he said.

Heffernan said there hadn't been enough research done in the eight months since she first suggested renumeration, and the issue is important enough to justify further study.

"Directors, as volunteers, are having to come to meetings every week ... students are going to get burnt out," she said.

"We pay work-study students, we pay executives. I don't think this is too much to ask for.

"What this (proposed constitutional change) is saying to me is my work isn't as important as the executive's."

Hartford said he is sympathetic to the other directors' concerns.

"We do ask a lot of people to participate in our board, maybe it is unfair, (but) that's the nature of committment to our Students' Society," he said.

The board agreed to table the motion until its Jan. 14 meeting.

President Howard Jampolsky said he would research the issue further by looking into the arrangments for directors at other universities. □

Frats try for status, board softens stance

by Sherryl Yeager

Fraternities with growing support are continuing to lobby the UVic Students' Society for recognition, and the Society is softening its stance against them.

Representatives from the fraternities that have unofficially formed on campus have been meeting with members of the Society's Board of Directors about the steps necessary for them to recieve official recognition.

This would require a revision of the Students' Society's constitution so it would allow associate members and groups that discriminate, which it presently does not permit.

"All I want to see is that the issue is considered. Fraternities are an organized group on campus. They approached the Students' Society with a request and I feel those requests should be fairly considered," said Gary Hartford, vice-president finance of the Society.

For fraternities to receive recognition on campus, a majority of two-thirds would be required at a general meeting of the Society to remove the clause which prevents groups that discriminate from being recognized, or to insert a notwithstanding clause to exclude them from these conditions.

"At the general meeting a decision will be made by the electorate -- is this constitutional change good, (or)

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Reflecting Howie

by Oliver Ho

Maybe this *is* harsh ... but what the hell, it's late, school's almost done, and it'll probably be good for laughs.

Besides, *they say* winter holidays are a good time to reflect on how things have gone so far while keeping an eye to the new year.

A good source of ponderable, if lightweight, material on campus this year has proven to be Howard Jampolsky's actions as President of the Students' Society.

He won the position by about 40 votes in the campus-wide March elections.

Since then, Jampolsky-isms and the arguments that follow have raised backs and flared tempers between his supporters and opponents around the Society.

One of the things *they* also say is that a good idea to help develop investigative journalistic technique is to see how things are supposed to happen, and compare that to how things are really happenning.

This is what Howard Jampolsky is supposed to do as president of the Students' Society, according to its constitution.

"The President shall:

a. regularly chair meetings of the Board of Directors;

b. communicate regularly with the administration of the University of Victoria;

c. communicate regularly with all levels of government;

d. communicate regularly with the provincial and national office collectives of the Canadian Federation of Students;

e. be a spokesperson on matters of a political nature related to the Students' Society;

f. be responsible for the prepara-

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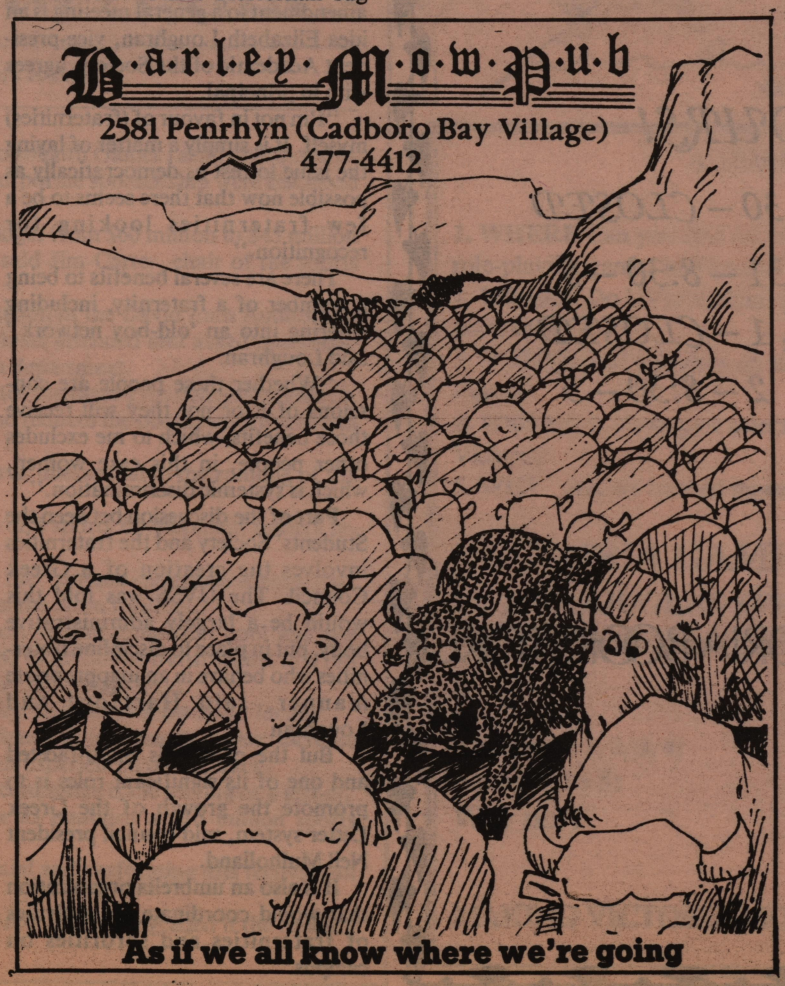

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A thought for your pennies

by Ben Jones

People with pennies piling up and stashed away and collecting dust are asked to bring them over to Cornett A177 to help hungry Victorians.

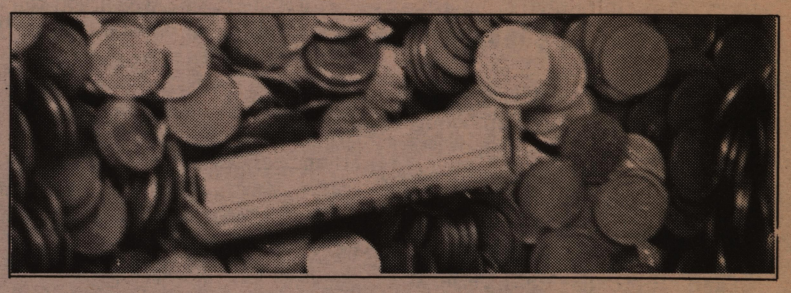
The drive is being conducted by Health Information Science students to benefit local food bank organizations.

"So far, we've got about 40 pounds (approximately 18 kilograms) of pennies, but our biggest problem will be weighing them," says organizer Donna Fleming.

Donna plans to give the proceeds to local food bank organizations such as the Mustard Seed.

Karen Farthing, who works at a downtown bank said its boxes of pennies "weigh approximately 17 pounds (eight kilograms) and are worth $25."

This makes the 40 pounds already collected worth about $60. The penny drive is scheduled to end before Christmas.



Recognizing Greek Letters

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could it be problematic for people who have concerns with fraternities on campus?

"As a Students' Society we have to make a decision that's fair.

"The fraternities have been pursuing the issue in a really well- thought-out way. Certainly there are positive things about fraternities. They do community service, provide men with a new circle of friends. But there are a lot of other things that come into consideration.

"You have to give credit where credit is due, but that's not the real issue. The real issue for many people on campus is do we want to encourage fraternities on campus.

"My personal feeling on fraternities is I don't think highly of them because of personal experiences."

Fraternities want recognition from the Students' Society so they can advertise their events on campus, set up tables in the SUB and participate in other club events.

Recognition from the Society must be given before the university administration will officially acknowledge fraternities, as well.

In the past, Hartford has taken a strong stance against fraternities because of their discriminatory and violent practices on campuses throughout North America.

Taking the issue of constitutional amendment to a general meeting is an idea Elizabeth Loughran, vice-president Academic of the Society, agrees with in principal.

"I'm not in favour of (fraternities) myself. It is simply a matter of laying the issue to rest as democratically as possible now that there seems to be a few fraternities looking for recognition."

There are several benefits to being a member of a fraternity, including entering into an 'old-boy network,' said Loughran.

"Whether these people are conscious of it or not they will receive those benefits, which to me excludes other people, in this case women, which is systemic discrimination."

Part of the discussion between the Students' Society and the fraternities involves the creation of a Greek Council. The UVSS was told this would be a largely administrative body, put in place to discipline fraternities who behave in an inappropriate manner, said Hartford and Loughran.

But the council is multi-faceted and one of its significant roles is to promote the growth of the Greek Letter system, said council president Neil Mulholland.

It is also an umbrella organization that would coordinate the activities of fraternities and sororities on campus.

Presently there is one fraternity on campus, Phi Delta Theta.

There is also the Phi Gamma Delta colony (a group waiting for a fraternity charter), and two groups petitioning for colony status, named Delta Upsilon and Lambda Chi Alpha, said Mulholland.

He said one of the main priorities for the council at the moment is to get representatives from two sororities which are considering forming on the council.

Members of the council, "decided to see what sort of interest there was in that system (sorority) by the number of women that signed up. We set the ball in motion, then it is their show altogether," he said.

I'm not in favour of fraternities myself. It is simply a matter of laying the issue to rest as democratically as possible now that there seems to be a few fraternities looking for recognition.

"It's part of our mandate to encourage growth of the system in general."

The disciplinary portion of the Greek Council, if approved, would consist of a delegate from the Council, a member of the UVSS and a representative from the university administration.

Fraternities would like to see this body formed to ensure groups which haze or participate in other undesirable activities are censured and face the possibility of having their charters removed.

All sides at UVic agreed a body with official university and student representatives on it would probably have more weight with the fraternities' headquarters in the U.S.

"If one chapter is going renegade it pulls the whole thing down," said Mulholland. "All it takes is one bad apple to ruin the whole system."

A recent article in the *Guardian*, an American campus newspaper, cites an incident in Middlebury where a bloodied female mannequin was hung from a Delta Upsilon house balcony.

The same article says a Lambda Chi Alpha pledge at Rutgers University in New Jersy suffered an alcohol-induced death.

At the moment, said Mulholland, people have nothing to worry about in regards to the behaviour of the local fraternities, and if the Greek Council was in place they never would.

But without it, he said, "what about in 20 years? If a complaint comes up, they could sweep it under the rug.

"If there is a mechanism in place to control the development of the system, it keeps everyone happy." □

NEWS

Big Brother is watching
Military Police film rally

by Sherryl Yeager with CUP files

People taking part in Victoria rallies protesting Canada's presence in the Persion Gulf should smile because they're probably on Candid Camera, military style.

For that matter, the same could be true of people at a demonstration about anything, anywhere in the city.

At an anti-Gulf war rally in Victoria on Dec. 1, two military police were filming it from a parkade across the street.

"Whenever there is any demonstration, anywhere in this city, it's filmed by whoever is responsible," said one of the police, a Sub-Lieutenant who refused to give his name.

He said the government or the city, whichever body the rally is aimed at, film the events.

The Sub-Lieutenant said the films are made, "so that if anything happens or any damage is done, we can say who did it."

"If anybody comes and starts pushing people around, we've got a record of who it is."

He said if the film is needed for evidence it is turned over to proper authorities.

"If nothing else happens it ends up getting taped over some other time. We don't save it and no, we don't keep files on people," he said.

A group of cadets from the Royal Roads Military Academy were then seen approaching the demonstration.

"This is exactly what I'm talking about," he said, directing the corporal with him to film the cadets, who walked through the middle of the crowd.

The rally attracted about 100 people, many of whom took part in its open mike format to express their views.

"What the war is about is defending the interests of the oil companies, not freedom or peace," said UVic student Gareth Morley.

Many of the protestors condemned the American and Canadian governments as well as the United Nations for their hostile actions towards Iraq.

"Today Israel planes bombed southern Lebanon. I don't see the UN meeting to condemn Israel for this or any other time they kill Palestinians. The oil companies won't profit from a war over there," said another speaker.

"It is a complete double standard and all their talk about freedom and democracy is a lie."

A man from Iran spoke to the group, saying the people of Iran and Iraq have suffered enough and don't want war or sanctions.

"We are sorry about all the hostages, but what about all the other people over there? We want all the forces out.

"Saddam is no better or worse than the people who were there before. We just want everyone out," he said.

The protest was organized by the UVic Anti-War Coalition and despite the sunshine the nippy weather spurred participants and police to leave quickly when it was over.

Similar events took place across the country in the past two weeks.

In Calgary, over 60 people, many of them University of Calgary students, gathered outside a federal government building Nov. 27.

U of C student Colleen Brown, who helped organize the protest, said she believes Canada's involvement in the gulf is intended to divert public attention from the government's mounting difficulties, such as the GST, the recession, and last summer's Oka standoff.

"No one has established that the sovereignty of Kuwait is fundamental to US interests, let alone Canadian interests," said protester Tim Walters. "This is not a defensive war. It is not fundamental to our economic interests."

Rev. John Guy, a U of C chaplain, told the noon-hour crowd that "it doesn't make sense to kill people to prove that killing people is wrong.

"If there is a war, it will end in treaty and negotiation, so why not have the negotiations now?"

Guy said the response to the Calgary rally was encouraging.

Chris Fair

DON'T GO FOR TEXACO - Protestors gathered outside the Canadian army recruitment offices Saturday to demand an end to Canada's involvement in the Persian Gulf. The demonstration was organised by the UVic Anti-War Coalition.

Ex-foresters condemn MacBlo in new book

by Jeanine Soodeen

A candid account of the B.C. forest industry took place at the same time as a book promotion Nov. 27 in the Newcombe auditorium.

Ian Mahood, a former MacMillan Bloedel executive and a forester, was promoting his new book, *Three Men and a Forester*.

It was co-written by Mahood and Ken Drushka, who also spoke out against the forest industry at the promotion.

A logger for 15 years, Drushka is now a freelance writer and editor.

The book is the now-retired Mahood's outcry against the mismanagement of the forest industry.

"The seeds of disaster in the tree-farm license have matured," said Mahood.

He sees B.C.'s economy on a path to perpetual depression, with the province's forest market slowly declining and the largest untouched reservoir of trees in the world in the USSR, close to markets in Europe and the Orient.

Mahood began his work in the forest as a sparkchaser in the 1930s.

He progressed to hold positions such as chief executive for top Canadian and international forest companies.

Mahood was a manager with MacMillan Bloedel, vice-president and director of Triangle Pacific Forest Products, vice-president of the B.C. Council of Forest Industry, and senior consultant to the forest industry.

"I take great pride in looking over the landscapes I've taken part in," said Mahood.

Drushka praised Mahood for being one of the first people to come forth from the forest industry not exhibiting the process of denial.

Drushka feels the root of the problems about the industry stem from this denial that "there is no problem."

Those that do recognize the problem are not acting quick enough.

"So many task forces are asking people what they think, it is a wonder anybody has any time to really do anything," said Drushka.

He also argued more skilled, motivated people are needed to work in the forests of this province, as well as re-allocating forests to smaller companies and restructuring the tenure systems.

Both men's presentations, sponsored by the Sierra Club Victoria Group and Harbour Publishing, were well received until Mahood said, "old growth is sooner or later going to come down, except in parks, and nothing is wrong with that," in response to an open question.

As the large crowd grew indignant he said, "I'm still a logger. You can't condemn clear-cutting as wrong. Mismanaged clear-cutting is wrong."

Debate began to fester and questions were cut short due to lack of time in the auditorium.

Copies of Mahood's book, *Three Men and a Forester* are available at the Sierra Club and Ecology House in hardcover for $25. □

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GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED MASSACRE - The office of trade unionist organization FENASTRAS, in El Salvador, was bombed in October, 1989. Ten people were killed and 36 wounded. The bombing was the catalyst for the present FMLN offensive.

Trade unions brutally repressed in El Salvador

Woman talks about torture

by Lisa Langford

In a country where state terrorism is the norm, workers face severe repression whenever they attempt to organize in El Salvador.

A unionist from El Salvador related her experiences with this supression Dec. 1 in Victoria.

Susanna Rodriguez spoke at a B.C. Federation of Labour conference in Vancouver before travelling to the Island to address groups concerned about human rights abuses in El Salvador.

Rodriguez has been involved in union activity for 21 of her 36 years and her speaking tour is sponsored by the Canadian Congress of Labour.

"I am here to give you an understanding of the problems Salvadorean workers face. Our workers are captured, assassinated, tortured and disappeared.

"We are struggling against the government which has violated human rights and is a violent government."

Rodriguez is an executive director of the National Federation of Salvadorean workers (FENASTRAS). FENASTRAS was established in 1972 and officially recognized by the government in 1974.

While the organization is legal, it still faces repression from government death squads, including beatings and murder.

"Our goals are to identify the problems Salvadorans face and to defend the rights of the ~~work~~ing people."

FENASTRAS represents mainly industrial workers, including people in the textile, electrical, construction, and coffee industries.

The organization provides education programs and daycare centres for workers, usually with little or no budget.

Financial constraints are not the only pressures unionists face in El Salvador.

In October 1989, the FENASTRAS head office was bombed during lunch hour, when over 100 people were in the building.

Ten people were killed, and 36 seriously wounded. This government-supported massacre was the catalyst for an opposition launched by the Farabundo Marti Liberation Front (FMLN).

FENASTRAS leader Febe Elisabeth Velasquez was among the dead. The insurrection was named in her honour.

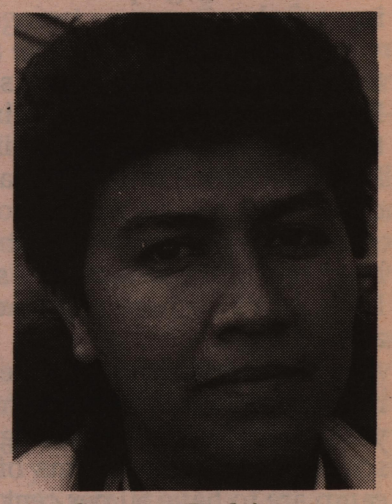
The massacre ended peace talks between the FMLN and President Alfredo Cristiani and the extreme right ARENA Party.

The Minister of Defense said the FMLN, which is supported by popular organizations in El Salvador, bombed the FENASTRAS building as an excuse to begin the insurrection.

Both FENASTRAS and the FMLN say the accusation is unfounded and untrue.

Rodriguez was not in the building when it was bombed because she was in jail. On April 18, 1989, she was "captured" by police, tortured for three days, then incarcerated in Lopango, the women's prison.

Popular organizations refer to police arrests as captures because people are grabbed and carted off. Their mutilated bodies usually turn up later.



Susanna Rodriguez

Rodriguez was captured while occupying a textile factory which had been shut down abruptly, leaving workers with no notice and no severance pay. At that time she was the head of the textile workers' union.

In El Salvador, the law gives police authority to conduct an "investigation" for the first 72 hours following capture. This time is when people are held incommunicado, tortured and often killed.

For the three days after her capture, Rodriguez was physically and pschologically tortured in the national police headquarters building.

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Coffee funds Salvadorean death squads - boycotts urged

Vancouver (CUP) — The profits from that apparently innocuous cup of coffee you are drinking may be helping to fund death squads in El Salvador, according to two speakers who recently addressed University of British Columbia students.

"Between 1979 and 1990, the money from coffee sales has helped to maintain the death squads and army which have been responsible for 76,000 deaths," said Ricardo Chacon, a Salvadoran living in Vancouver.

He was addressing a campus meeting called by Tools for Peace, a group which supplies aid to Central America.

The small group of families who control most of the land and coffee production in El Salvador also finance the death squads, he said.

"The 'fourteen families' benefit from coffee profits, not the poor," said Chacon. He said that is why coffee workers in El Salvador welcome a boycott of the nation's coffee products, launched a few years ago in the US.

Foreign aid must be tied to a demonstratable committment to respect for human rights.

"We do not want to continue paying for the death squads with our labour," said Chacon.

The two activists hope in the long term, the pressure of a boycott will encourage the growers and the government to negotiate an end to the civil war in El Salvador, and to deal with popular demands for a more equitable distribution of wealth and a re-orientation of agriculture to include more subsistence crops.

"The boycott has two objectives," said Heather Neun, spokesperson for the B.C.-El Salvador Support Coalition, "to educate North Americans and Europeans about the situation in El Salvador, and to place direct pressure on the coffee-growers and the government."

The government is a legitimate target, Neun said, because it has been linked to the operation of the death squads. It is also vulnerable to a boycott, since a large part of its export revenues are derived from coffee sales.

Individuals in the upper echelons of the army, government, and death squads will also be affected because they often have investments in coffee plantations, Neun said.

Money from coffee sales has helped maintain death squads and army responsible for 76,000 deaths

President Alfredo Cristiani is himself a large coffee estate owner and was handpicked by Roberto D'Aubuisson, the former army commander widely acknowledged to be a leader of the death squads, to succeed him as leader of the ruling ARENA party, she said.

Neun expressed the hope, "once Canadians and Europeans are aware of these connections, they will pressure their governments to discontinue financial and other forms of support to the Salvadoran regime."

She pointed to the recent vote by the US Senate to cut military aid to El Salvador by half as an example where public protest contributed to a shift in government policy.

"Foreign aid must be tied to a demonstrable committment to respect for human rights," she said.

Both Chacon and Neun urged UBC students to follow the lead of the Canadian Federation of Students, which has voted to support a national boycott and to stop the sale of Salvadoran coffee at campus food outlets.

The Martlet added Salvadoran coffee to its boycott list this fall.

"This could be your way of demonstrating concrete support for the people and students of El Salvador.

"Students there are at the centre of the struggle for change, and as a result they bear a tremendous burden in terms of brutal and systematic repression," Neun said.

Nescafe, Hills Bros., Taster's Choice, Maxwell House, Sanka and Folger's coffee brands contain Salvadoran beans and are being targeted by the boycott.

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A Time to Change:

by Sherryl Yeager

The massacre of 14 women in Montreal a year ago spurred angry debate over whether it was the act of a `madman' or an issue of sexism. A year later the ripple effect of the massacre and debate continue across the country.

This week has been labelled "Week of Remembrance - A Time to Change" by the Canadian Federation of Students.

Surprisingly, four students interviewed at random about their reaction to the massacre were split on the issue of sexism, but the men took the stance that the killings were spurred by societal attitudes towards women.

"It horrified me because I am an engineering student. It is impossible for me to imagine a situation where someone comes into a classroom with a high power rifle and starts shooting people.

"Unfortunately, people are reactive rather than proactive, and it took something horrible like this for the engineering society to get together and decide something is wrong," says Norman Fisher, a fourth year engineering student.

"To imagine what that would be like, to be in one of those women's shoes would mean I wouldn't be here right now. That's a rude awakening."

Fisher has since become involved in organizing Science Venture, a new day camp for young children to encourage participation in science. Part of the terms of reference for the camp are to have 50 per cent of the students be female. (See related story, P. 14).

He says while his attitudes towards women have never been sexist, he probably would not have become involved in the project if the massacre had not happened.

Another student involved in the project echoed Fisher's statements.

"Sometimes you don't see the sickness but you see signs something is wrong. I think Marc Lepine was one of the signs that there is something wrong with our society," says Roland Schigas, also a fourth year engineering student.

"I still think the government hasn't reacted at all in any way to what happened.

"I've always been aware of a deeply rooted problem in society, that women are discriminated against and they are vulnerable (to violence), but I didn't realize how vulnerable they are.

"I didn't realize how difficult it is for a woman to walk to her car at night. (The massacre) made me understand their fear more and I take things like the Take Back the Night march much more seriously.

"In general society doesn't view violence against women as that grievous a crime. There has to be a balancing of the scales so all women can feel safe."

Both Fisher and Schigas said gun control is not the issue, but a reaction to the massacre.

"It was a reaction by people to a disgusting event because people are reactive. When something happens they want to do something about it, but they always wait until it is too late," says Fisher.

A different view was expressed by Judy Matiece, a third year mechanical engineering student.

"I felt (the shootings) were just the actions of one very disturbed individual and not the general feelings of society.

"It was more an indication of society's use of violence as entertainment than its views of women."

Matiece says she does not think women are disadvantaged if they choose to enter engineering.

"Engineering is one of the best fields available for women right now. Because there are so few women it is easy to excel.

"A lot of other fields are just as discriminatory towards women. All of them are male dominated, we just don't have as many women in engineering."

Matiece says that when she first came to UVic she discovered that the school has a nice atmosphere for women, mainly because the school has made a concerted effort to stay away from the `engineers' reputation.

The Engineering Students' Society newsletter has a policy not to print racist and sexist material and many of the other traditional engineering activities don't take place at UVic because it is a new school, set up in 1984.

But a sexist and racist reputation are not the reasons women are not studying engineering, Matiece says.

"I don't think that's the reason women decide not to go into engineering. By the time a woman gets to university, her path has been set by choices made in grade school, when girls are not encouraged to stay in math and science."

Matiece expressed fears of a backlash over too-strong encouragement for women to enter sciences.

"I want to see them encourage women but not at the expense of discriminating against male students who are just as desirable, because it creates a backlash."

The underrepresentation of women in science is not confined to North America. Jianping Li, a second year electrical engineering student, says in China the situation is similar.

"I don't know why there are not many women in engineering," she says.

"I always thought men and women have different ways to think about things and if men and women are in the same department and doing the same research it would be beneficial for them to cooperate."

She says the massacre in Montreal scared her, "because (as students) we are in the same situation."

"Sometimes when people talk about it I hope it won't happen to me or anybody else, to be killed innocently."

Reaction amongst faculty and administration at UVic is also varied, but the engineering department as well as the university are taking steps to increase the number of women in sciences.

Engineering associations across the country have been reassessing the number and roles of women and misogyny within their organizations.

Eric Manning, the dean of engineering, says that while the UVic engineering school is far from perfect in terms of gender equality, it is better than most in terms of faculty.

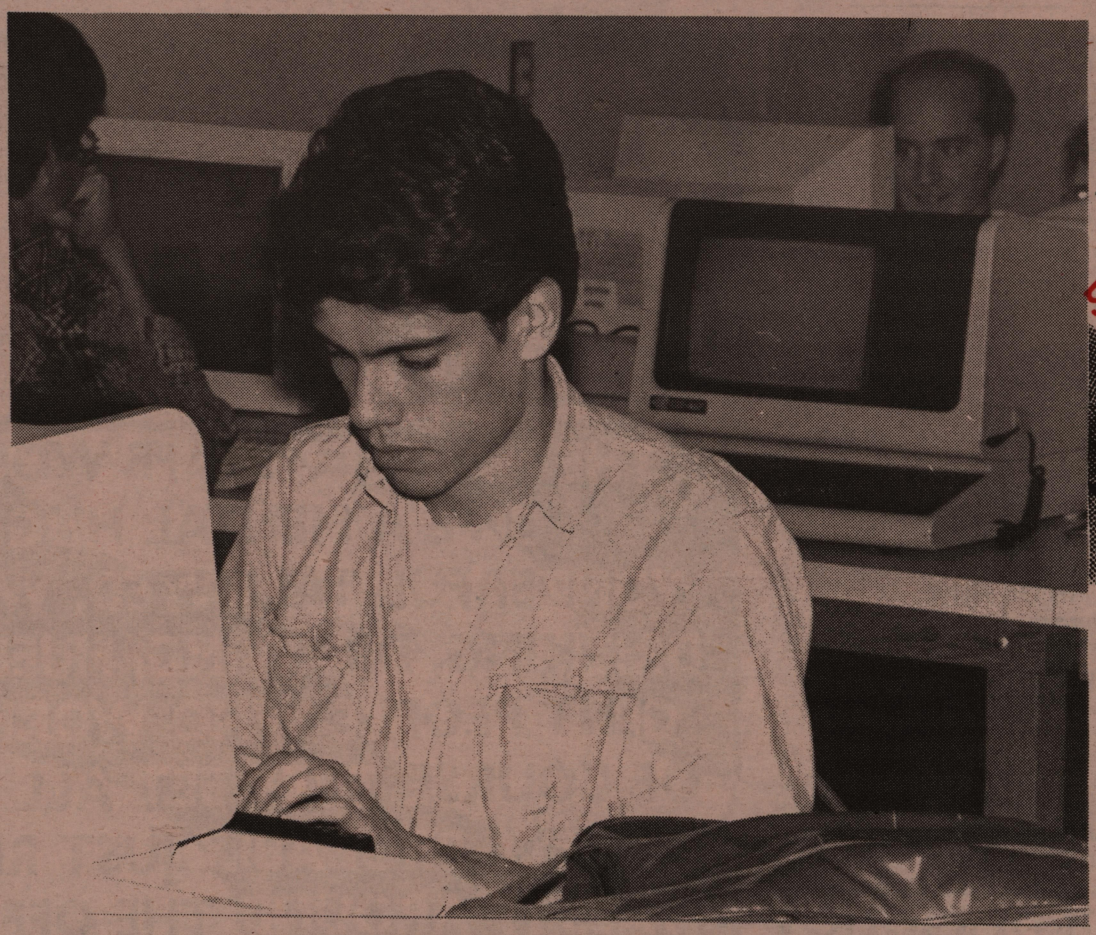
The department has four women professors in a total of 50. This is eight per cent, while other schools average between four and seven per cent female faculty.

"It's nothing for us to brag about. It could be worse and it could be an awful lot better," says Manning.

There are approximately 500 undergraduate engineering students at UVic, less than 50 of whom are women. Many of these are in the computer science portion of the engineering school.

While the equity policy recently introduced by the university will improve the representation of women amongst faculty, it is no panacea, Manning says.

Engineering and other sciences won't see



Although engineering has traditionally been seen as a male enclave, women's participation in engineering has increased significantly since the early '70s.

The first anniversary of last year's murder of 14 women has provided an opportunity for reflection on society's attitudes towards women. At UVic, the Engineering Faculty is making a special effort to see that women have an equal place in post-secondary science.

the impact for about 16 years, he said, until more women take engineering, graduate degrees and take up faculty positions.

"For us the biggest problem by far is the size of the pool. There just are not that many people out there to get."

In undergraduate studies at Canadian universities, there are slightly more women than men enroled in undergraduate studies in every faculty but engineering/ applied sciences and math/physical sciences.

In these two areas the participation of women is significantly less, dropping to 15 per cent and 25 per cent respectively.

Statistics for 1987-88 show one in every 43 women at university chose engineering, in comparison to one in every six men. Yet the number of women in engineering has increased eight times from what it was in 1972-73, to today's total enrolment of 39,000.

Programs like Science Venture will help this come about, but the generation it is targeted at will have to grow up first.

"We're in this for the long pull. It's not going to get better over night."

As well as the moves the UVic's engineering school is making to encourage women, Manning and the students say, things the school doesn't do may be a potential drawing card as well.

Because it was established in 1984, there is no reputation associated with it such as the infamous engineers at the University of British Columbia, who are continuously making headlines for sexist and racist actions.

"We don't have a filthy scatological newspaper, or a Lady Godiva ride, we never did and never will," Manning says.

While it is not reflected in the figures yet, Manning says women are featured in the engineering school's recruitment campaigns and its reputation may be given a higher profile in the future.

On the subject of the Montreal Massacre, Manning says he feels it was the act of a crazed person, and would not want to say the actions were a reflection of anything wrong in society.

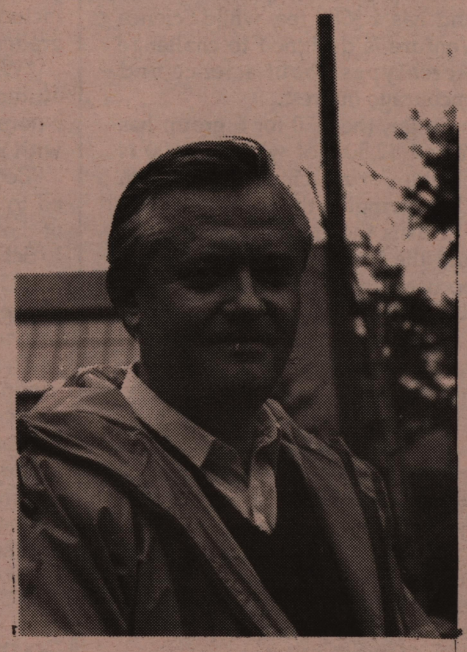
He says societal conditioning is largely responsible for attitudes towards women, and noted many changes will have to be made before our society is something people can feel proud to tell their children about.

"We are living in interesting times, because people are caught between the ways of the past and the changes brought about by the feminist movement."

While engineering schools are adjusting, so are many Canadian universities, including UVic.

UVic's administration is beginning to implement policies and programs to correct some of the inequalities.

One of these was the creation of a position for an equity issues office and a person to directly advise University President David Strong on Equity Issues.



Eric Manning, Dean of Engineering

This position was first announced last year by then president Howard Petch at a memorial service for the 14 dead women.

While the Montreal Massacre was not the sole reason for the establishment of the office, it precipitated the decision, says Norma Mickelson, equity advisor to the president.

Mickelson says the massacre has had a profound effect on everyone's lives over the past year.

"I don't think any of us will ever be the same again.

"At the time I was shocked by the events, that these women were shot in cold blood.

"On reflection about what it meant and what society looked like, it became even more disturbing because one realizes how deeply rooted antagonism is towards women in many quarters.

"At the same time it highlighted concern about the position of women in academia and it brought forward the conscious awareness that these issues have to be dealt with."

The university is currently pursuing an equity hiring policy as one of the ways of dealing with the situation. While over 50 per cent of the 12,000 full-time undergraduate students are UVic are women, only 18 per cent of the professors are female.

The equity policy, which also deals with visible ethnic groups and handicapped people, has been approved by the university's Board of Governors and was well received by the majority of faculty, although there is some dissent.

"I find it ironical and strangely disturbing there is still any argument on this campus about women's place on it.

"The concept that it is okay to be concerned about ghettoized women, but not women who aspire to equality with men in upper level institutions is utterly unacceptable.

"Financial considerations have nothing to do with this issue.It is a multi-faceted problem. We have to enlarge the pool by making more opportunities for women."

President Strong agrees. He says when he first heard of the massacre he thought it was the actions of a madman who should be stopped.

"As the weeks went by it began to sink in that it was part of a continuum. As more came out about the workings of Marc Lepine's mind, it became clear it couldn't be dismissed as someone who was crazy. That makes it even more frightening.

"Every man in the country who has a wife, mother, daughter, sister, women friends or relatives, should be equally appalled and even more determined not to tolerate even the slightest offense against women," says Strong.

It is a personal concern and an official concern for him in his position as president of UVic.

"I think there is a need for education and continuous reminders for society that no such events are isolated any more.

"It breaks my heart to think that in this university there can be one person intelligent enough to be in university and be misogynist or hostile to women and not do all they can to make them feel comfortable."

Sexist graffiti covers the walls of bathrooms all over UVic, along with the study cubicles in the library and walls of buildings.

Strong says he does not think sexism is intentionally institutionalised, it is a result of history. The majority of the professors currently teaching were hired 20 or 30 years ago when few women were available.

Now universities are dominated by men.

"It's a self-fulfilling prophesy again, because the more women there are as professors the more encouragement there is for other women to go into graduate school. That's why there has to be positive encouragement through items like the equity policy."

The Board of Governors and "by far the vast majority of university employees are allied," are behind the equity policy, Strong says.

Strong said it is an official policy and will be implemented with vigour.

"As an institution our objective is to take the right steps to see this change takes place. We may not be able to control the rate, but we can try.

"The other side of the coin is that if we go too heavy recruiting women into science and engineering, we don't want to imply in the slightest way that interest in arts and humanities is any less valuable. It is something we have to do delicately."

Strong echoes Manning's views about the time lag.

"The problem for us for the moment is that if we want to reach 50 per cent equity employment, it will be 10 years before the undergraduates get into grad school and then become available for hiring. My ad hoc projection is 10 years before there is full women to men equity on Canadian campuses."

He is optimistic about the future and a change of the present status quo.

"I hope we can not just mourn the 14 women killed in Montreal, but take this occasion annually to measure our progress."

The Week of Remembrance (continued from page 13)

Turning grief into progress

Memory bursary to fund girls in science

by Sherryl Yeager

One of the ways women in Victoria rallied together last year after the Montreal Massacre was with the creation of a new bursary fund to encourage women engineering students at UVic.

The focus of the December 6 Memorial Fund has shifted somewhat since its original conception, but organisers are enthusiastic about its present direction.

"Over the past year as the whole discussion about women in engineering developed, it became apparent a lot of focus is needed in the community to actively encourage girls to expect to experience success in science at a young age.

"That is why our response has been so positive to this Science Venture program," says Nola Landucci, coordinator of the 5:30 for 6 women's network spearheading the bursary.

The 5:30 for 6 Network is an informal network of professional women, named for people's penchant for lateness.

Science Venture is a week-long day camp aimed at children in grades five through eight, designed to encourage them to explore science and technology.

It is organised by a group of engineering students, and part of the focus of the project is to have at least 50 per cent of the children be female. As well, at least one of the three instructors will be a woman. (See story below)

This year, the memorial fund will be used to provide bursaries to girls whose families can not afford the $75 fee for the Science Venture program, said Landucci.

"Girls tend to drop out of maths and sciences between 10 and 14. That's why we're going at that age group," said Marianne Scott, adviser on Outreach and Engineering for the university as well as a member of 5:30 for 6.

Scott is also helping the Engineering students organise the Science Venture program and arrange sponsors for it.

"It's more important for the girls because if they don't pursue those academics in high-school they have determined a career path for themselves," Scott said.

"Although there are other things going on in the province, like the Monkey Business program, I feel this camp is very affordable, and there is the potential the program could be taught to other organisations, junior colleges and school boards, and could become a seed program."

Monkey Business is a government-run program for children showing proficiency with science and has a $500 fee, while Science Venture is designed to challenge stereotypes about science and encourage interest.

So far, the 5:30 for 6 group has raised $2,500, of which $1,600 is eligible for matching grants from UVic, bringing the total to $4,000.

This is the endowment amount and the interest on this sum will be used for bursaries, said Landucci.

While this is not yet a significant amount of money, the group hopes it will continue to grow and next year additional bursaries can be provided.

The idea to establish a memorial bursary first came up immediately after the massacre.

Originally the intent was to set up an endowment fund large enough to support a $5,000 a year bursary for a woman in engineering at UVic, said Landucci.

A major campaign was necessary to set up such a large block of money and would have conflicted with the major fundraising campaign UVic is currently conducting for engineering and other departments.

As a result, the majority of contributions have come in the form of small donations from professional women in Victoria.

"We seemed to get a fairly good response immediately. People were looking for some place to put some painful feelings," Landucci said.

In addition to donating money, many of these women are providing leads on sponsorship as well as donating their companies' skills and services to further assist Science Venture, said Landucci.

"One of the contributors was a friend of one of the women who were killed and she was happy to see the money going to Science Venture."

Students venture into science project

by Sherryl Yeager

The murder of 14 women last Dec. 6 at an engineering school in Montreal spurred one UVic male engineering student to actively participate in promoting the entry of more women to the sciences.

Norm Fisher and three other engineering students have tackled a project to encourage young people to explore science and technology.

Titled Science Venture, the project consists of a week-long day camp designed to challenge stereotypes and relate science to their daily lives.

Part of the mandate of the Science Venture is to include 50 per cent females from its target group of grades five through eight students.

"What happened in Montreal didn't change my attitudes on the subject (of women in science). But before it occurred I may not have become involved with Science Venture.

"Because it is such a deep rooted problem, I decided to take a proactive response," says Fisher, chair of the committee organising the project.

Science Venture will begin operating at UVic in July 1991 and the committee hopes it will rapidly expand to include travelling road shows to tour the province.

The children attend the camp at UVic, and are given a week long exposure to several different types of science. This includes projects and personal goldberg machines as well as brain-teasers they take home to the family each night to work out.

"The intent of the program is to show them how science relates to everyday life. Even if they don't go into science they will still be able to function better with this knowledge," said Roland Schigas, secretary of the Science Venture committee.

This year 140 students will take part over seven weeks, and the committee hopes to expand that number next year.

Three people will lead the group and at least one of them will be a woman. Co-op students will be hired for the job.

Daryle Boles attended a similar camp at Queen's university last summer, titled Science Quest. He was hired as a co-op student to run the camp as well as learn about the program in order to help implement it at UVic.

One of the things he learned there was that girls need different examples and problems to make science interesting than boys, because they do not share the same life experiences.

For example, in an experiment about electricity, if the example of a power car is given, boys may be interested but girls will not. They are more likely to be interested in how hair dryers or kitchen implements work.

The volunteer committee which is organizing Science Venture in response to a request from Queen's university also includes Graham Carter and Boles.

Queens has run its program for the past three years. The Toronto university asked several others for proposals on running similar projects and accepted the one from the UVic Engineering Students' Society.

Financial support for the program is coming from private corporations, the university and a $75 fee from each student.

Leaving a seed:
Encouraging women into science

by Sherryl Yeager

Many women who studied science at the university levels in recent years never had a female professor. Few women enter sciences and fewer still enter graduate studies.

Of those completing graduate degrees, a small number become professors.

That is something Micaela Serra, a professor in the computer science department of Engineering, is actively working to counteract.

Serra has taken an active role in developing a series of lectures in conjunction with UVic and high schools to create the Science and Engineering Speakers Bureau.

These lectures are focused on issues young people are interested in, such as the environment, ethical problems like genetic engineering, and women in science.

"I talk about women in science, the difficulties or perceived difficulties of women in science, to try to motivate the girls to stay in," said Serra.

"Any boy who expresses interest in science and engineering, his parents will do their utmost to send him to university. With girls, they steer them towards biology or being science teachers, something more genteel.

"They say to girls, oh, it is so long and so hard. What if you want to get married? Of course, they don't ask that of the boys," said Serra.

The lectures are aimed at youths in high schools throughout the province in grades nine through 12.

In the future a co-op student will help co-ordinate and deliver the lectures at the high schools, because demand has been high and the professors taking part in the program cannot spare enough time, Serra said.

The bureau's objective is encouraging scientific studies as well as enrolment at UVic.

There has been a decline in enrolment in sciences throughout Canada in the past few years and the active recruitment of women is one way various institutions hope to solve the problem.

Similar projects are targeting younger age groups, but Serra said the lecture organizers felt it is too difficult to talk to youths any younger about engineering in any depth.

She said the girls are still reachable.

"I remember being 17 and having 30 strong ideas in my head about what I wanted to do with my life.

"The important thing is to leave a seed, an impression so they may change their minds and not leave the maths."

Part of the problem behind the small number of women in sciences is the lack of role models.

While the numbers of women enroled in undergraduate degrees in science and engineering is low at 15 per cent of the total, and math and applied science reaches 25 per cent, those numbers drop off even more dramatically to 10 and 20 per cent respectively for graduate degrees.

There are only 18 per cent female faculty at most Canadian universities. In engineering the figure is even lower - eight per cent at UVic.

"I have never had a woman professor," said Serra.

"It does make a difference to me, I'm sorry, it really does. If you've never seen one, you can't envision becoming one." Women with bachelor degrees choose not to become academics partly for financial reasons, Serra said. Unlike many other professions, women with a bachelors degree in science alone they can earn $35,000 to $40,000 a year after graduation.

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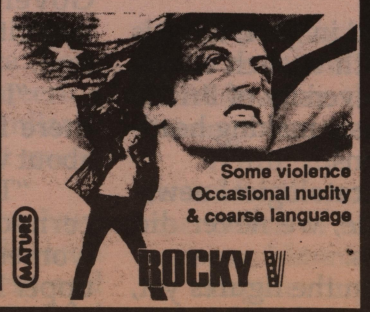

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ENTERTAINMENT

Musical jugglers amaze audience

by Andy Stonehouse

It takes a pretty strange kind of talent to suspend a bicycle crank, a glass coffee pot and a water-filled lubricated condom in the air for ten seconds.

But to do that and make it look easy is an incredible talent indeed.

Such is the realm of the Flying Kamarazov Brothers, the renowned American theatrical juggling troupe, making their first Victoria appearance last Saturday night at the Royal Theatre.

Their show "Theatre of the Air" is a sort of best-of feature for the quartet, a vehicle for the bits and pieces of precision juggling and farcical vaudeville which have made the group famous for more than 15 years.

Normally pegged on the same bill as stage magic and sword swallowing, juggling is one of those curious forms of entertainment often better left to the circus sideshow.

Yet with their mixture of intense eye-hand co-ordination and ridiculous stage behavior, the Brothers K provided an evening full of amazing entertainment, all the time as irreverent as possible.

From their musical juggling routines through to their fantastic three-person manipulation of nine "terror objects" (including a burning torch, a chunk of dry ice, and a ready-to-explode bottle of champagne), the Brothers' show was solid entertainment.

Audience participation was a must, and in recreation of their bit part as sword-throwing Sufi warriors in *Jewel of the Nile*, the Brothers subjected a man from the crowd to a terrifying shower of swords, as he stood between two of the troupe.

Brother Ivan was also successful in his attempt at "The Gamble", and juggled the audience-supplied condom and coffee pot without a hitch.

Throughout the show, whether they were managing to juggle up to twelve randomly thrown clubs at the same time or pound out a Beethoven symphony on computer-connected hockey helmets, the Brothers showed such precision it looked almost too easy.

It's quite a feat to be so damn good that even juggling razor-sharp swords looks simple to your audience.

The show's dopiest moment came in the encore's environmental-friendly song and dance, performed by juggling bats and balls on various larger-than-life MIDI instruments, a message which sounded just a tad patronizing.

But in spite of the sucky finale, the Brothers put on one hell of a show. And as their fourth performance in two days, part way through a 40 city tour, the relaxed and totally silly "Theatre of the Air" was one to remember. □

CATCH THIS - The Flying Kamarazov Brothers made their Victoria debut on Dec. 1. Although they arent' doing it here, part of the show features water-filled condoms.

Political coolness makes up for generic bassbeatfunky sound

Pawns in the Game

Professor Griff and the Last Asiatic Disciples
Skywalker Records

by Oliver Ho

Professor Griff makes his entrance into the rap forum with The Last Asiatic Disciples on this politically cool, competent, but dull-sounding release.

But, a mediocre Griff is worth about a million SNAP!s, Lukes, Fresh Princes and Vanilla Ices.

He's near-perfect on a few cuts, notably "R.A.P. (Real African People) Parts 1 and 2."

These are two cool, head-nodding, funked-up stream-of-conscience speeches with a biting (and unexpected) sense of humour.

"What colour is your god/damn! man can't you see it's green?/ . . . /I'm just a juvenile with style and meanwhile I'm unemployed trying to avoid the course of being dumb, gifted and black.

"Africa! I'm just an African/I'm just an African-black-negro/I'm just an African-negro-black-American/ No, no, no, wait a minute/I'm just an African-negro-nubian-American-black-negro-sometimes-when-I-want-to-be-down-with-the-troop . . . "

The mixes Griff raps to are too generic bassbeatfunky, too capable and plain, but not as awesome as PE's Terminator X, which *is* an unfair (unavoidable) comparison.

Griff brings much of this comparison on himself, though, by sampling a heap of PE throughout the second side, as well as rapping *exactly* like PE's Chuck D on a few cuts.

There aren't any credits, not on this one anyway, to say who make up the Last Asiatic Disciples. Other people rap with Griff on several cuts, quite well too (even better in some cases), but there's no credit given anywhere.

The lyrics are furious, and they carry interest through most of the lame mixes.

The hype that came along with this was also interesting.

"Griff now acknowledges that Jewish history is one of profound suffering," reads the press release. "(*Game*) provides evidence that Griff has undergone something of a re-education since the *Washington Times* incident."

Griff was the member of rap group Public Enemy accused of making anti-semetic comments in a *Times* interview in May, 1989.

In the flurry that followed, Griff left the group, rejoined, then left again, this time for good.

He doesn't do much "acknowledging" here, but with the reputation of the label he's signed to — Skywalker Records, home of anti-censorship hype-gurus (and really incredibly awful rappers) 2 Live Crew — it's not surprising that aspect was pumped up.

One of the last songs, "The Interview", deals with the *Times* interview. The actual interview is apparently on the album, too, only it's recorded backwards.

Other highlights are "Suzy Wants To Be A Rock Star" (super-catchy heavy guitar hook), and "It's A Blax Thanx" (the longest list of famous African Americans on vinyl).

Griff isn't Public Enemy, (he tries,) but why should he be? The political funkiness on this release is worth taping from a friend (Warning: "Unauthorized duplication will get you messed up by The Ghetto Style DJ's"). □

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ENTERTAINMENT

Band plays between worlds

by Oliver Ho

Local bands are always the best.

They usually have a devout group of fans, and they're especially cool because *no one outside of the neighbourhood has heard of them*.

Unfortunately, most bands need to break out to survive.

Victoria's Jho Nek Bhone is at that point in its story. After playing around Victoria and Vancouver for the past few years they have gathered a wide variety of fans with their cool, catching, edgy pop music.

But they need to continue moving on, said lead singer Mike Demers.

"It's sort of like we're in between two different worlds," he said.

Mainstream programmers have described them as "quirky", but alternative station such as CFUV usually consider the band too commercial, he said.

"We've been very goal-based, (and) it's a quantum leap to go from this level to the next level."

They are currently at the level where they are getting credibility locally, through performances and the cassette, he said. But the band would like to make the "leap" to doing music full-time.

"A lot of people see it as a natural progression but it's not. We can't generate enough of an income to be full-time right now."

Most bands playing original music face the same situation, even ones that seem to be successful, said keyboardist/singer Jolene Demers.

"It's the glitz of the music business that hides it," she said.

But a full-time career won't remove the band's main goals.

"We're not against opportunities," said Mike. "At the same time, we want to continue recording and playing locally. Those are our priorities."

In the meantime, they all have other jobs.

Mike is a sessional prof at UVic in the School of Child and Youth Care, and he's a Child and Family Counsellor downtown

"I was in university but I quit, in typical rock and roll style," said Jolene.

Bassist Tim Earl works for the Capital Regional District, lead guitarist James Love is a Young Drivers instructor, and drummer Jamie Wilteshire works at a stereo store in a downtown mall.

The band released their first cassette, *The Pelican at Yer Door*, early in October.

One of the most noticable qualities of the tape is it's high quality.

It sounds so clean and not-over-produced it immediately rises above the rented four-track basement sound of many independent releases; it gets itself listened to on another level.

The diversity of musical style on the tape brings up a memory list of cool late 70s -early 80s bands: XTC, Squeeze, Joe Jackson (pre-80s), Elvis Costello.

But this isn't a sound-alike band.

Lyrically and musically, they chase down everything from mature, charming-harmony pop-rock to emotionally charged song-stories.

"We're an unusual band, in the sense that we're not unusual," said Mike.

Jolene said someone recently described them looking like "five library geeks who've gotten together to make a band."

The band became Jho Nek Bhone around 1987. There are two stories about the name.

It came about after the band's first drummer returned from working at a boy's camp in Vermont for street kids from New York, said Jolene.

One young boy told the drummer to "shut up or I'll break 'jo neck bone," she said.

It sounded like a cool name, so they adopted it and spelled it weird.

But they recently learned the term "joe-neck-bone" has been used in a Spike Lee movie and in the gangster film, "King of New York."

One character in the movie says, "Who do I look like, Joe Neck Bone?"

Apparently it means geek or something like that in Bronx slang, said Jolene.

"It's turning out more timely than we though it was," she said.

"But we won't book Harlem," said Mike.

JHO NEK BHONE -- James Love, Tim Earl, Jolene Demers, Mike Demers, Jamie Wilteshire

The band first recorded two tunes in the summer of 1989, which became their first single, "Neighbourhood Girls/Bertie: the Beautiful Kid."

("Neighbourhood" sounds one heaping heck of a lot like a cross between "Emma Peel" by the Allies and some old XTC song — a reference that is *impossible* to shake, dammit).

Soon after, their producer, Mark Korven (late of the late Duke Street Records) came into some money through soundtrack work, and produced the recording sessions for the cassette.

The band made a video with Chek-TV in March, 1990, for "Almost Daddy," and finished recording the songs for the cassette in August.

The recorded at Digital Sound in Vancouver, where Victoria's Silent Party also recorded their recent release.

Jho Nek Bhone officially released *Pelican* on Oct. 9.

So far, the cassette has garnered the band positive reviews, and "a really nice rejection letter" from MCA Records, said Jolene.

The professional quality tape features an interesting photo, but what does it mean? They found the cover photo (a big white pelican) and spent a while trying to come up with a good, philosophical title, said Jolene.

But she finally came up with "The Pelican At Yer Door," for a more simpler, ponderable reason.

"Everyone knows what to do when a wolf stands at your door, but what do you do when there's a pelican at your door?"

The band is on a two-month break to work on new material. At their next gig, in Felicita's Jan. 25-26, there will probably be a set of entirely new material, said Mike.

There's also a good chance they might open for the Northern Pikes at their Dec. 30 show in Victoria.

"Our most important goal is that people who hear us have fun," said Jolene.

"We want to get better in the studio ... and we want to keep improving our art," said Mike. "We don't need somebody else to give us permission to do that."

"The minute you say 'We are crap until some label signs us' ... you're slating the band for destruction," said Jolene.

"If that was to happen ... (getting signed) we would be more surprised that anybody else," said Mike.

"You can really drive yourself mad trying to figure out what's the right thing to do. We have got to be who we are and do what we do. □

World service group bankrupt

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dents sponsored every year since 1986; the first such student came in 1980.

All undergrad students contribute 50 cents per year to these students through their Students' Society fees. It totals about $5,000.

As well, the university gives a $7,000 grant to these students every year.

Meserat Workeneh, a first year arts and science student from Ethiopa, is the sponsored student this year.

The other category is for refugee students whose home countries send them financial support, which the local WUSC committee administers.

There are four such students at UVic this year, two from Botswana, one from the Dominican Rebublic, and one from Indonesia.

"I'm assuming their money will still be administered," said Burri.

Workeneh's funding is secure for this year, said Burri, "but for next year, we just don't know."

Burri encouraged students to write Monique Landry to protest the abrupt closure of the organisation and ask for assurances its programs will continue.

The local WUSC committee will meet next on Jan. 2, 1991, in Clearihue C305 at 7 p.m., and anyone can attend.

Call Burri or Wendy Martin, 383-0189, for more information about the local committee's plans. □

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SPORTS

Birds fly past Vikes

by Ryan Buchanan

Battling for a breakthrough in the Canada West women's volleyball standings, the University of British Columbia justifiably left McKinnon Gym on equal terms with their home-court counterparts last weekend.

Friday, the University of Victoria downed UBC 3-1; 5-15, 15-9, 15-12, 15-8. On Saturday, the Thunderbird's returned the favour, escaping with a 3-2 win; 10-15, 15-6, 6-15, 15-10, 15-8.

The weekend split leaves the Vikes season record at 6-4, while U.B.C. moved to 7-3.

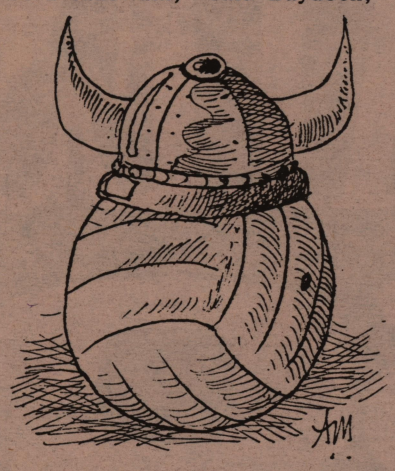
"On Friday everyone played phenominal, especially on our offensive attack," said the Vikes head coach Karin Maessen, "we really wanted to spread out our offense."

Accordingly, four Vikes reached double figures in kills, led by Lisa Cepeliauskas with 14. Carli Richter added 12 kills while Renee Beaumont and Mo Odland finished with 10 each.

Jenny Rauh and Sarah Cepeliauskas paced the Thunderbird's with 11 kills each.

The T-Birds coach Donna Baydock had expected a tough showing from UVic.

"We definitely knew it would not be a cakewalk," said Baydock, "UVic was ranked only ninth coming in (CIAU), which is ridiculous. They're tough competition."



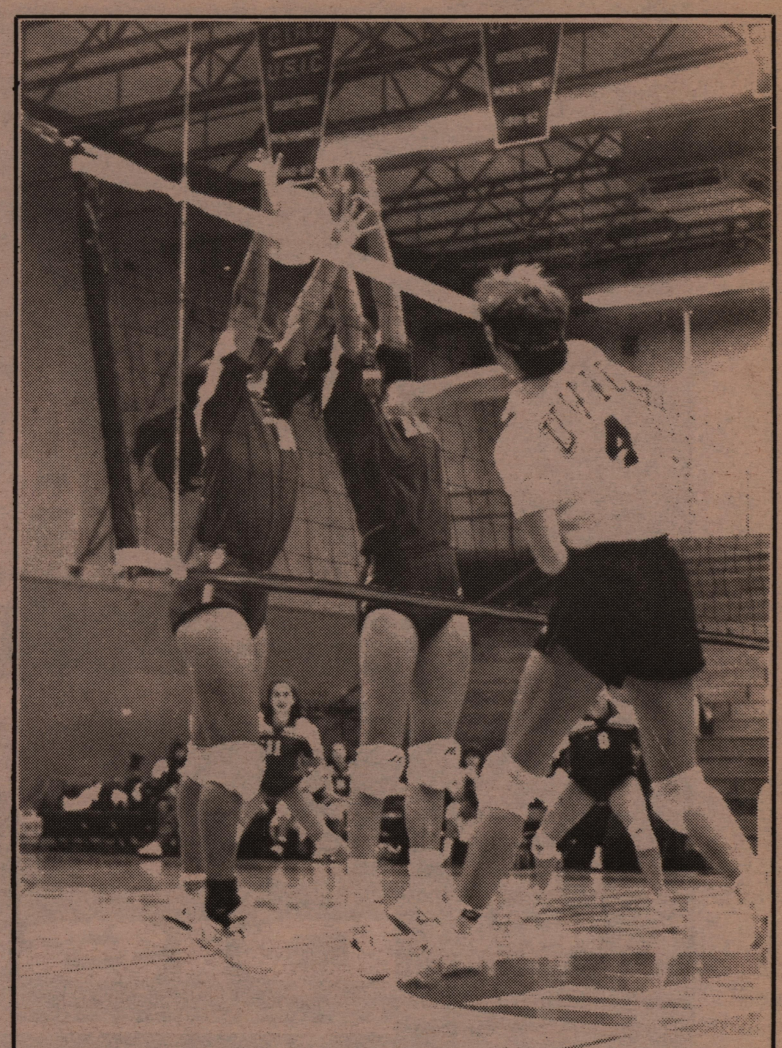
Although UVic was in a strong position to win the fourth game Saturday and sweep the visiting Thunderbirds, coach Maessen's reactions resembled those of her rival colleague.

"The Canada West is the toughest league in the conference, and it's good to have a split," said Maesson.

On Saturday, the Cepeliauskas sisters each led their respective teams in offensive production. Lisa pounded a game high 22 kills in the losing cause while her sister Sarah topped the T-Birds with 16.

Sonya Wachowski and Jenny Rauh complemented UBC's attack with 13 and 12 kills respectively. Carli Richter added 12 kills for the Vikes.

Christmas break will now disrupt division play, and UVic do not return to league action until January 18 and 19, where they will travel to UBC for an extended home and home series. □



UVic on the Kill: The women's Vikings volleyball squad split two matches with UBC last weekend.

Strong Season for Rowers

by Ryan Buchanan

A characteristically strong fall season of rowing was enjoyed by the University of Victoria's rowing program racing at five regattas throughout the west coast.

Leading into the season, women's coach Rick Crawley had high aspirations for his varsity eight crew.

They proved equal to the challenge, responding with an undefeated record throughout the fall.

Women rowers respond with undefeated record

The highlight of the women's season came during the Portland Loop Regatta on Nov. 3, a race which featured renowned rowing schools from the United States.

Victoria's eight crossed the line first, a full 18 seconds ahead of the defending champions, the University of California. The University of Washington placed third and Stanford fourth.

"I was actually surprised about the margin of victory," said coach Crawley, "we took a young crew and I was very pleased with their rowing."

On Nov. 11 at the fall season finale, the Head of the Lake race in Seattle, Victoria finished in strong fashion by defeating two arch-rivals, the University of British Columbia and Washington.

"At Seattle's race we increased our margin of victory over Washington, showing our improvement over the season," said Crawley.

The fall season proved to be less successful for UVic's men's varsity eight, but an impressive victory in Seattle left coach Howard Campbell optimistic awaiting the spring regattas.

The men's eight shell won races at Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver and finished second and fourth respectively in races at Victoria and Portland.

At the Portland Regatta on Nov. 3 the perenially powerful rowing schools, Cornell, Washington and Harvard, finished ahead of UVic's eight.

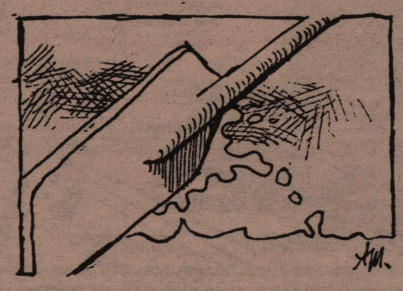
"Our crew rowed well," said Campbell, "it was quite a valuable learning experience because the competition was so good."

In Seattle the following weekend, the Vikes turned the tables on Washington and inched past the Huskies to record a one second victory.

"Washington is the calibre of competion we want to race," said Campbell, "it was nice to come back from a disappointing result at Portland.

Washington has consequently replaced UBC as the Vikes closest rival competition.

"The UBC men have further to go than what I thought at the beginning of the fall," said Campbell, "but it will be interesting to see what happens in the spring." □



Piggies grunt past less experienced Rugby Vikes

by Robert Cooper

The Rugby Viking's lack of seasoned players was apparent on Sunday in their 29-4 loss to the Cowichan Piggies.

The older, stronger Piggies grunted their way up and down the field and there was little the Vikings could do to stop them.

The Piggies hogged almost all the points as the lone UVic try was scored by Al Campbell.

There was a bright spot on Sunday, however, as The Jutes beat Oak Bay/Castaways 24-12 to win the Vancouver Island Junior semi-final.

Eric Backhouse led the Jutes, scoring two tries and two conversions.

As well, Leigh Peterson added two tries for the Jutes and Cam Roberts scored a single try.

Saturday was also a mixed day for UVic, with the Norsemen blanking the Piggies second team 31-0 and the Saxons losing 46-4 to a stacked Oak Bay/Castaways "second" team.

The Norsemen showed no mercy as they butchered the very scrappy Piggy team.

The Norsemen were led by back row Mark Holland who capitalized on his brute strength to score two tries.

The Saxons were less successful in their endeavours, facing an Oak/Bay Castaways second team that actually featured no less than six regular first division players.

OB/C, who normally only pull this sort of dirty trick in the playoffs, were certainly the target of much grumbling on the UVic sideline during their lopsided victory. □

Changes to Games

by Robert Rubido

Proposed changes to the Commonwealth Games facility budget arising from difficulties in obtaining corporate sponsorship were discussed on Nov. 21 at UVic.

A downsizing of the facilities budget from $60 million to $45 million will result from these difficulties, said Jim Carter, chair of the sports committee for the Games.

Cater gave an hour-long presentation in the David Lam Auditorium about the Games. Close to 50 students attended and asked questions, mainly from the physical education department.

The new unofficial plan eliminates the three gym complexes and the field house previously proposed, and reduces the pool areas from two to one.

Cuts were made to facilities seen as unessential to the running of the Games.

Plans for the high performance and sports development centers remain intact.

Plans for the new pool, dubbed the "unique compromise solution" will incorporate a diving area within the swim facilities.

The facility will include two pools — one competion pool and one combined warm-up/diving pool; the latter can be transformed to a full length warm-up pool with the removal of a bulk-head.

A substantial weight room will also be housed in the swim facility.

Improvements to Centenial Stadium will increase its radius, increase seating and hopefully decrease winds experienced on the track.

A major concern for the Games committee is the leaving of a legacy.

Beyond the facilities, they hope to establish a $10 million sports development fund.

There are also plans to have a visual and performing arts festival run concurrently with the Games.

The new plans are still unofficial and may be upgraded if the funding picture improves, said Carter. □

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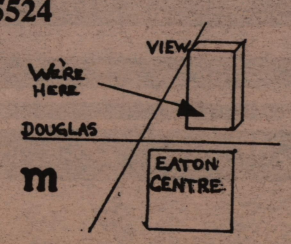

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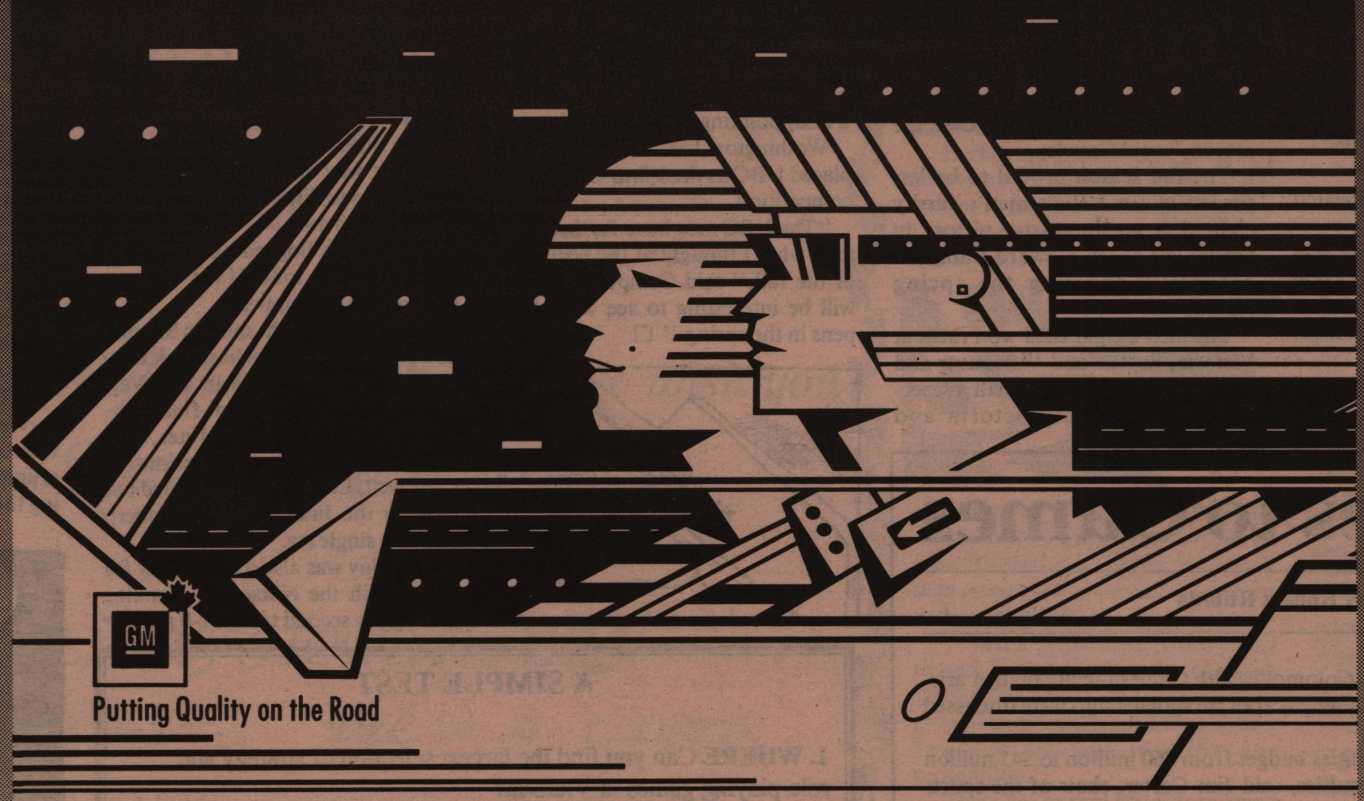

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SPORTS

UVic battles UBC

by Guy MacPherson

(Vancouver) - Who says good defense beats good offense every time?

The UVic Vikings, the best defensive team in the Canada West conference, took on the most potent offense in the west, the UBC Thunderbirds, and came away limping.

UVic looked a far cry from the number one ranking they held going into the weekend series. In fact, Friday's game at UBC was one of the worst performances ever by a UVic Vikings team.

UBC raced out to a 13 point halftime advantage and led by as many as 29 points in the second half before going on to win 100- 77.

When it was suggested his team had played an "ugly" game, coach Guy Vetrie agreed. "Your words were taken right out of my mouth. That's a wonderful description. It was very ugly."

UBC dominated in every aspect of the game. Even though they are a much shorter team, the T-Birds kept many of their missed shots alive by consistently out-hustling the bigger Vikes.

"That was part of the ugliness. We were badly out-rebounded," said Vetrie.

"The only positive thing that occurred was the buzzer went at the end of the game. We just didn't play well right from the word go to the very end. We couldn't get any emotions going on the court. It was a little baffling."

The Vikes looked a little better on Saturday - how could they not? - but they still seemed a little ferry-lagged.

It didn't help that the game was played at BC Place with an NCAA 3-point line, six inches shorter than the CIAU version.

While the Vikings' Tom Johnson can hit from NBA range, no other Viking is a consistent long-range threat.

UBC, conversely, has J.D. Jackson, Al Lalonde and Brian Tait in their 3-point arsenal.

With Johnson on the bench for most of the first half with two fouls, the 'Birds got out to a 54-41 halftime lead.

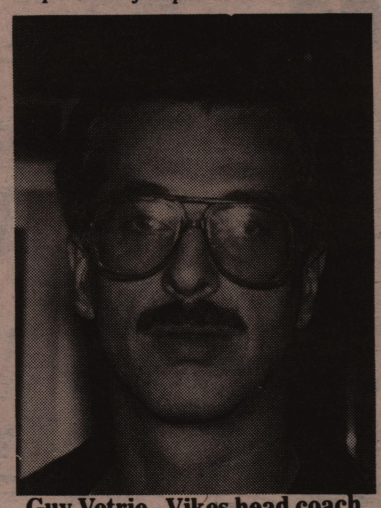
TJ returned to score 19 second-half points, and the Vikings got to within four at one point.

J.D. Jackson, however, kept UBC in front. The electrifying fourth- year guard just missed scoring a 'triple-double', with 32 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists, leading his team to a 96-83 win.

"He's a tremendous ballplayer," said Vetrie on Jackson. "You go into a game (with UBC) and you've got to control J.D. If you allow him to control the game, he singlehandedly can."

This series continued the trend of the Thunderbirds beating the Vikes.

UBC took three of four from UVic last year, and would have won the fourth had not Spencer McKay hit a desperation jumper at the buzzer to win.



Guy Vetrie - Vikes head coach

Still, UBC coach Bruce Enns denies his team has the Vikings' number.

"You never 'own' anybody. But once again we did play well against them and that certainly pleases us," said Enns.

"When you play Victoria you just cannot make too many mistakes. Unless you play very well, you're going to end up losing the ball game."

"With Victoria you just have to make sure that the times you're sloppy are very, very limited because they have so many different weapons and they are so tough on the boards."

With the losses, UVic dropped to fourth in the rankings, while UBC moved up to number two.

The Vikings next action will be over the holidays at the Calgary Classic, where their first opponent will be third-ranked Guelph. The Gryphons are the team that knocked UVic out of the semi-finals of the national tournament last spring. □

Rebels don't disappoint

by Chuck Bennett

(Vancouver) - They came to see the glitter and glamour of US College Basketball's flashiest team, and when it was all over, they were not disappointed.

The defending NCAA champs, the University of Nevada-Las Vegas Runnin' Rebels brought their run-and-gun show to Vancouver last Saturday night and gave basketball fans in BC a rare treat.

The crowd roared its approval when the lights went out in the stadium and the famous UNLV Shark made its appearance to the theme song from *Jaws*.

But it wasn't the Shark or the pregame hype, where the UNLV cheerleaders led the crowd in chanting U-N-L-V, or the starting line-ups where super-stars Larry Johnson and Stacey Augmon were introduced that brought the people to their feet.

No, it was when Augmon opened the scoring with a thundering dunk on an alley-oop pass from Anderson Hunt just seconds into the game that the fans go nuts.

Unfortunately for UNLV's opponent, the University of Alabama-Birmingham Blazers, the opening dunk was a sign of what was to follow.

The Rebels were simply awesome.

They filled the game with behind-The-back passes, impressive shot blocking and dunks, all kinds of dunks. There were one handed dunks, two handed dunks, reverse dunks, and of course the famous alley-oop dunk.

It was what everyone had come to see and it was the UNLV Runnin' Rebels at their best.

The Rebels are ranked number one in the entire country and are hoping to become the first team to repeat as NCAA Champs since UCLA did it in the 70s.

The game Saturday was their first of the season and sent a clear message they are the team to beat in the NCAA this year.

"There is no doubt UNLV is the number one team," said Gene Bartow, UAB Blazer head coach, "it will take an awfully good team having an exceptionally good night to beat them."

The Rebels have four returning starters from last year's team.

Johnson, the number one power forward in the country and a Consensus All-American last year, and Augmon, Honourable mention All-American, provide UNLV with the strongest foward line in the country.

In the backcourt, UNLV is also very strong. Led by point-guard Greg Anthony, another honourable mention All-American, and Anderson Hunt, MVP in the Final Four last year, the Rebels have one of the strongest backcourts in the nation.

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The only hole in the Rebels line-up was left by center David Butler, but if Saturday was any indication the Rebels will not have to worry about their strength in the middle.

George Ackles was a strong force inside for UNLV all night long with consistent rebounding and shot blocking.

"George was outstanding for us," said Jerry Tarkanian, Rebels head coach, "he played great defensively all night."

But the Rebels success is not without controversy.

The always colourful and contraversial Tarkanian,widely known as Tark the Shark, has been involved in a 13 year dispute with the NCAA over alleged violations of league recruitment rules.

Any decision, however, was held up in the courts, and it was only until this year the NCAA has been able to make a ruling on the matter.

In July the NCAA handed down the decision banning UNLV from defending their title, but in October the Infractions Committee said they would look at UNLV's case again.

Early last week the committee announced UNLV would be allowed to defend their title this year but would be suspended from post-season play in the 1991-92 season.

Tarkanian, however, was not pleased with the decision.

"They really hurt our program," said Tarkanian. "We've lost two of the best recruits ever, both would have been All-American and probably gone on to the NBA."

"I think it's really unfair, but the NCAA is undefeated, they've never lost."

But to the basketball fans at BC Place it didn't really matter that UNLV is submerged in controversy or even that they won't play in next year's tournament.

What mattered was the flashiest and best college team in the US had come to Vancouver and from the cheer-leader swallowing Shark to the one-handed alley-hoop thunder dunks the crowd loved every minute of it.

"The crowd was great, they were very enthusiastic," said Tarkanian.

"I didn't know what to expect before we got here but the people have been really nice to us and I would love to come back up here again." □

Vikes back on track with sweep of UBC

by Guy MacPherson

(Vancouver) - The UVic Women's basketball team is back on track.

After suffering their first loss of the season the previous week, the Vikes sailed into Vancouver and systematically disassembled the UBC Thunderbirds last weekend.

The young 'Birds were treated to a clinic all weekend.

UVic took Friday's contest by 30 points, 79-49. They could do no wrong, shooting 51 per cent from the floor and outrebounding UBC 31-18.

The Vikes had four players in double-figure scoring, led by Tara Galloway's 19 points. Kelly Boucher finished with 14, Jenny Sutton scored 12 points and picked up nine rebounds, while Heather Bohez chipped in with 10.

Saturday's game was closer, with UVic only up two at the half, 37- 35. But a strong second-half performance from the islanders left no doubt as to who was the better team.

The Vikes outscored UBC 50-27 in the second half, to complete the sweep 87-62.

Sutton led the way with 25 points, followed by Bohez's 20 points and Shannon Conway 15.

UVic was a model of consistency, shooting 51 per cent for the second night in a row, keeping the Thunderbirds to 32 per cent accuracy.

The only negative to the whole weekend for UVic was the loss of Charlene Klasema.

The 6'3" back-up post went down in Friday's contest with a torn anterior cruciate ligament. She'll be out for the season.

UVic finishes 1990 on top of the Canada West standings with a 5-1 record. UBC drops to 2-4.

The Vikes will have a few weeks off before travelling to Los Angeles to play BIoLA and Cal. State San Bernadino on December 29 and 30. □

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WALBRAN-TSITIKA. Slide show, speakers and all-round information session about the state of Vancouver Island's remaining wilderness in the SUB Upper Lounge today at 11:30 a.m. Become informed and see what you can do.

Remembrance

THE UVIC WOMEN'S CENTRE is organising a day of remembrance on Thursday, Dec. 6, to commemorate last year's Montreal massacre. In the afternoon from 1-5 p.m., Women's Voices: In Memorium will take place in the University Centre Auditorium.

There will be music, speakers and an open mike. All women are invited to express their thoughts and feelings about violence against women. Everyone is welcome. At 5 p.m. there will be a candlelight vigil in front of the MacPherson Library. This will not be a silent or passive event; women are encouraged to show their strength and anger. Once again, everyone is welcome.

Dinner

OPEN YOUR MIND and your mouth to the third world. A Global Awareness Dinner, featuring international entertainment and food, will be held tonight at the Unitarian Hall, 106 Superior Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m, the dinner starts at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Costs are $8 for students, unemployed, OAP or low income and $10 for adults. Presented by Canadian Crossroads International.

Fundraising

TSITIKA/ROBSON BIGHT legal defense dance/benefit — a night of raging rhythm with Ray Rothchild and Rhythm Spirit, special guest Kwasi Irvoje and Monica Schraefel and Friends. Help cover legal fees for the 30 people arrested defending the Tsitika Valley. SUB Upper Lounge 8 p.m. - 12 a.m.

SUNDAY 9

For Kids

MOVIES FOR CHILDREN. *Babes in Toyland* delights us all at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the Cinecenta in the SUB. For information call 721-8135.

MONDAY 10

Community

SUFI DANCING sponsored by the UVic Sufi Movement Study Circle. 7:30 p.m. at 1829 Fern St., admission by donation.

Over the Holidays — December 17

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR: The B.C. Lions Society for Crippled Children is organizing its "Firetruck Tour" of Victoria's decorated homes. To book on one of the twice nightly runs from Dec. 17 - 30 (except Dec. 24 and 25) please call 382-3171 for reservations.

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THE UNITED WAY campaign is underway until the end of December. Now's the season to lend a hand! Donations accepted at the SUB General Office.

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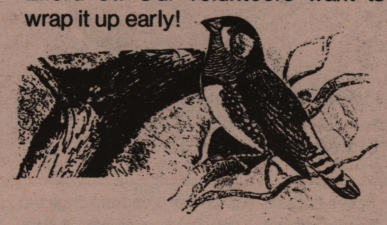

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Deadlines

The deadline for submission of items to the Billboard is Monday noon. Items are subject to the *Martlet* editorial policy. Inquire at the *Martlet* office, SUB room 109, or mail submissions to *The Martlet*, Student Union Building, Box 3035, Victoria, B.C., V8W 3P3.

NEWS

Harper talks

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Oka crisis which was not discussed in the mainstream press.

She said the barricade, which originally blocked only clearing equipment from entering a minor roadway, was responded to with such force only because "they (the government) were just a little pissed off at Elijah Harper."

Citing statistics such as 90 per cent unemployment and high infant mortality on reserves, as well as a legacy of historical injustice, Jack said the land issue is the breaking point.

"Aboriginal people are willing to die ... because if you take away the land there is nothing else," she said.

"This is hard to understand if your only idea of ownership of land is fee-simple."

Jack also discussed the actions of the military "when the cameras weren't on."

She spoke of a Mohawk who was beaten during a night-time barrier crossing by the military, and of the insults, hoses and bright lights turned on the blockade.

Jack said the Mohawks never lost their sense of humour, fighting hoses with water-filled condoms, bright lights with mirrors.

She joked the military was frustrated when, "they could not beat us when we were fighting with condoms and mirrors."

Despite the humour, Jack's memories of the abuses to Mohawks sometimes brought her close to tears.

Jack was arrested when the barricades came down at Oka, and is facing several criminal charges. Buckets were passed around for donations after her speech and over $2,200 was raised to help with her legal fees.

Elijah Harper was formally introduced by Chief Dan Sam of the Saanich Band and Manny Cooper, who will finally be awarded the Order of Canada after saving a man's life in World War II.

Cooper said during the crisis, he "felt damn bad, but the person (he) hated the most was Brian Mulroney.

Elijah Harper approached the podium to another long standing ovation.

His speech reflected on the political and social history of aboriginal peoples in Canada.

He noted natives went to war for Canada without being conscripted, while native children were in schools being civilized.

"I can tell you there was a lot of physical abuse," said Harper, who was one of those children. "Small children being strapped with their underwear down, 100 times until they were black and blue."

Harper pointed out apologies have been given to the Italians and the Japanese for injustices done in the past, while aboriginal people have been ignored.

Jenny Jack

"Have we ever asked for an apology? All we ever asked for was honor and respect," he said.

A need for political change was emphasized.

"We have (the Indian Act) that dominates the lives of aboriginal people on a daily basis, and that piece of legislation must be abolished," he said, to immediate applause.

He added the fight for aboriginal rights will entrench the rights of all Canadians, whom he feels are puzzled at the lack of action.

"Ordinary Canadians are asking the question why haven't their governments fulfilled their treaty obligations," he said.

Aboriginal people are willing to die because if you take away the land there is nothing else.

"What do you do when a government doesn't even want to sit across the table from you?"

On the Oka situation, Harper noted the foundation of the crisis would be humourous if it weren't so offensive.

He said the government almost allowed serious violence "so that the priveleged few could chase a white ball around Mohawk land and sacred burial grounds."

"Sometimes you question the priorities and mentality of certain leaders in this country," he said.

Despite widespread support, Harper said he is often tired, but will never regret his decision to say no.

Harper has certainly been active, travelling and speaking across Canada, as well as visiting the European parliament.

Elijah Harper

In Europe, his group discovered Canadian External Affairs was holding a convention on aboriginal rights, with no aboriginal speakers.

"Of course, being good aboriginal people who wanted to tell the truth, we crashed the conference," he said.

As he concluded, the drained audience rose to recognize the speakers once again.

The event wound down with a poem dedicated to Harper by Wally Underwood, and the rough-hewn energy of Willie Thrasher and Souie, who sang against the James Bay hydroelectric project.

Finally, through wisps of burning cedar and prayer sweetgrass, the Thunderbird singers asked the audiennce to rise and hold hands for a final song.

The success of the event was exemplified by the throngs who stayed behind to meet the speakers amongst rich scents, pounding rhythms, and a personal and amiable ambience. □

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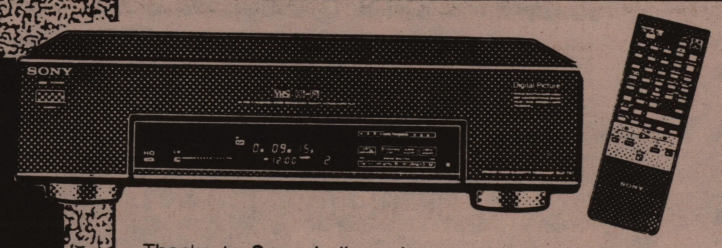

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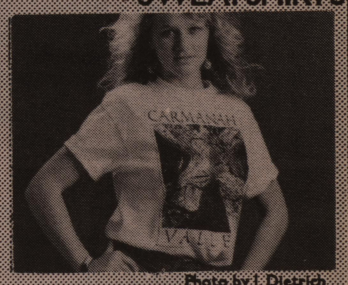

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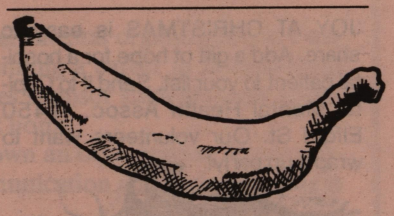

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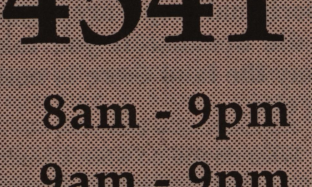

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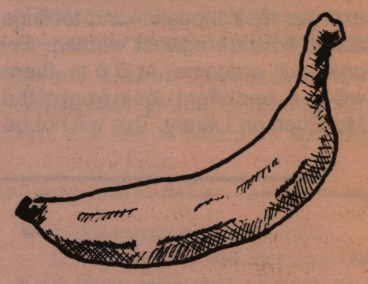

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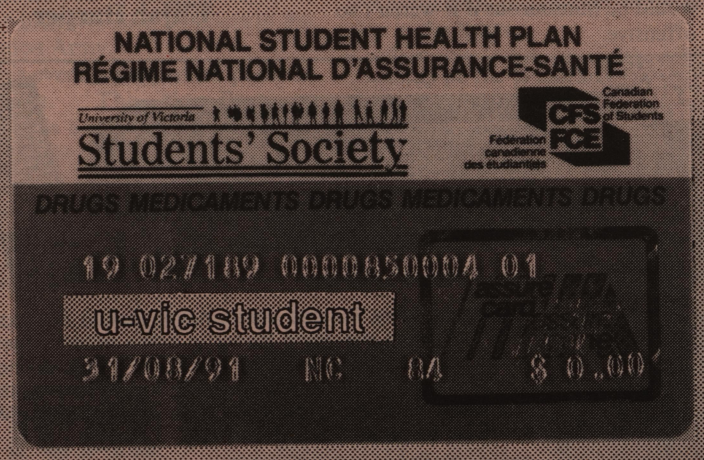

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INTERESTED IN WOMEN'S ISSUES? The VIPIRG Reproductive Technologies committee meets Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. in Cornett A314 and the Sexual Harassment Committee meets Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in SUB 137A.

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UVIC JIVE AND BALLROOM DANCE CLUB meets Sundays 6:30 - 10 p.m. in the SUB Upper Lounge. If you're serious about having fun — don't miss it! Jive, Cha-cha, Tango, Waltz, and more. No partner or experience needed!

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KARATE: Experience rigorous traditional Japanese training with the UVic Wado-Kai Karate club (beginners welcome)! We meet Tuesdays 9:30 to 11 p.m. in the McKinnon apparatus room. For more information, phone Kraig at 721-3387 or Brendan at 479-2629.

WTF — TAE KWON DO CLUB — New to UVic. Open to all students. Come learn the ancient Korean martial art. Get fit, feel confident, and study self-defense. Every Thurs. 5:45-7 p.m. in the Dance Studio, McKinnon Gym.

THE FENCING CLUB — meets Saturdays from 1 - 4 p.m. in the McKinnon Dance Studio. Membership is $25 per semester. All levels of fencers are welcome — from absolute beginners to veteran competitors. All equipment provided, but bring runners, sweat pants and a change of t-shirt.

BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP WITH UCM on Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Chaplain's Office (UniCentre) and Thursdays 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in MacLaurin D115. Choose your time!

UVIC REC CHOIR meets every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in MacLaurin A166. All singing voices welcome! NO auditions req'd.

THE CAVING CLUB will have its next meeting on Monday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. To find out about the trips before that, call Madelaine at 592-3906.

KAYAK CLUB: Meetings and pool sessions in McKinnon pool, Fridays, 8:30 to 10. Call 721-3987 for information. Come one, come all.

UVIC SCUBA CLUB meets at 12:30 every Monday in Cunningham 013. Weekend dives, charters, guest speakers, discounts, etc. All certified divers welcome. Check out our bulletin board outside Cunningham 146.

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SRI CHIMNOY MEDITATION GROUP is meeting Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 3:30 p.m. in Clearihue B446. If you're interested in meditation and the philosophy of spiritual teacher Sri Chimnoy, please join us. Beginners welcome! For more information phone Claudia at 598-2085.

ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH ALLIANCE wants to hear your concerns. Make a difference. For information, call 721-0666.

LAMBDA CLUB COFFEEHOUSE for gays, lesbians and their friends meets Wednesdays, 7 -10 p.m. Clearihue B215. For more information phone 595-5455 (Scott or Dorothy) or 361-4900 (Island Gay Society).

MATURE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION is working to articulate mature student concerns. Phone Russ Williams, UVSS vp services, at 721-8369.

THE ARAMAIC BIBLE CLUB meets every Sunday in Room 137A of the SUB from 2 - 3 p.m. to discuss the Seven Keys Basic Bible Course based on the Lamas translation of the Holy Bible. Please call Reverend Francene Watson 721-1120 for information.

INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in Elliott 060. Guest speakers and fellowship.

CLUBS PROFILES: Are you a part of one of the many fabulous clubs here at UVic? Tell us all about it in a nice, concise, TYPED article, and give us some groovin' black n' white photos. Profiles run on availability of space.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS to Clubs Calendar is Monday noon. Items will run continuously until further notice, free of charge. The *Martlet* ad boycott policy applies to Clubs Calendar and items are subject to editing for length and content. Inquire at the *Martlet* office, SUB 109, or mail submissions to *The Martlet*, Student Union Building, Box 3035, Victoria B.C. V8W 3P3.

Presidential reflections

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tion of policy and the keeping of records;

g. help produce all publications of the Students' Society and advise students wishing to produce any other publications;

h. perform any such duties as assigned by the Board of Directors."

Here are some of the things he said he would do in his election platform.

"Reducing the student fees for the 1991/92 academic year; getting the politics out of student government, and concerning ourselves with what is best for students at UVic."

The night he won the election he said:

"I think today is the end of the separation between the two camps, and I'm very confident we can pull it together."

This is what he has done, according to his reports to the board (specifically, these are some of the more interesting excerpts).

An interesting note, in nearly every available presidential report there has been some mention of an action that has brought a heapful of heat on Howie's back.

May 22: Jampolsky had a meeting with then-university President Howard Petch where he discussed the bomb threat made to the Women's Centre earlier.

"We discussed the possibility of the Univerisity taking on the responsibility of running the service from the University Centre.

"Dr. Petch felt, as do I, the university could serve the needs of all women on this campus better than we can, as this would be a full-time university service, funded by the university."

June 18: The atmosphere tense, he begins the first of his "let me take the opportunity to address this issue" sections to talk about issues he'd been critisized over.

"I would like to take the opportunity to clarify one thing. Meetings that are held with either governments bodies, administration at the university or anyone are the perogative of any student of this university.

"The first six weeks of this new board have been shaky, but I feel now that operations ... are becoming more open."

July 3:Jampolsky tried to bring a motion to the board proposing changes to the Canadian Federation of Students handbook but withdrew it after "hostility" from "several pro-CFS individuals."

He spent most of his report explaining his reasons for wanting to organise a referendum to call a vote on pulling UVic out of the Federation.

"I now feel that the only way to initiate any change is to make the threat of a CFS withdrawl referendum a reality ... (with a petition) I feel that I will be able to influence this board into feeling that change would be required."

July 16: After being critisized for making personal political statements as "President of the Society" without consulting the board, Jampolsky makes another clarification.

"If an individual is elected as a Director of this Society, then there is no reason why that title cannot be used for identification purposes, as well as to indicate to those individuals you are trying to 'reach' that you are in a particular position."

July 31: Jampolsky takes the opportunity to talk about his salary.

"Since it was first announced ... the issue of my forfeited salary has been made into a grand issue. This report will ... clear up any misconceptions that anyone might still have."

He accepts his regular paycheques, but deposits them into a special bank account. He will give "grants" from that account for campus groups, mainly the Daycare Centre.

Aug. 13: The board learned of Jampolsky's recommendations to the Presidential Advisory Committees.

In the spring, he gave Petch a list of recommended students to sit on various planning committees without the board's approval or notice.

When they found out in August, most demanded he ask President David Strong to reappoint a list of board-approved students to the committees, but nothing happened.

"These committees have been appointed and there will be no changes to them this year."

Aug. 28: There was a CFS general meeting at UVic, which Jampolsky was a selected as a delegate for, but he pulled out at the last moment for urgent personal reasons he wouldn't explain.

The Society paid his fees in advance, however and was unable to get a refund.

His report also explained plans for a closed dinner party at UVic that he was going to personally host and pay for with Dr. Strong, where Premier Vander Zalm, Advanced Education Minister Bruce Strachan, and Governor-General David Lam were among the invitees.

Oct. 15: Most of his report detailed his trip to the B.C. Socred convention in Vancouver. Jampolsky spoke to the convention on the opening night immediately after Vander Zalm.

"The theme of my address was on the youth of B.C., and the fact that the youth of B.C. are the province's leaders of tomorrow."

He made no detailed mention of bringing overcrowding, funding, or housing concerns to the Ministers he met.

He did, however, say he spoke in favour of a resolution allowing colleges to let students fax them registration.

Nov. 5: The bulk of his report expressed his anger over the failure of Director Shannon Dolphin's motion saying all "propaganda material" distributed under the Society's name must have prior approval from the board.

"I do believe this motion was defeated by the leftist majority of the board who traditionally vote 'en bloc' against any initiatives put forward by the rightist side of the board.

Dec. 3: Jampolsky closed the year with a report explaining his efforts to get a comedy show and an electronic trivial pursuit game in Felicita's.

He also sent a letter to the Senate endorsing their equity hiring policy.

Whew!

So, it's been a long eight months.

In his favour, Jampolsky has communicated with many levels of government etc., and at least he makes reports (however vaccuous).

Of course, he's also a darned snappy dresser. □

BOMBING AFTERMATH - victim of the October, 1989 bombing of the FENASTRAS office in El Salvador. The incident killed 10 people and wounded 36 during a busy lunch hour in the office.

Repression in El Salvador

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She was not permitted to phone her lawyer or family.

The police threatened to kill her children and her mother. She was forced to stand for 20 hours a day, guns were pointed against her body and she was deprived of food and sleep.

She was also forced to watch the torture of another union member whom she knew.

He was hung upside down, burned with cigarettes, kicked in the spine and kidneys, and electrocuted. Although he survived, Rodriguez did not know this until her release.

Rodriguez was freed after unionists from around the world applied pressure for her release.

She is one of five women on the FENASTRAS executive. Despite the the added pressure of working inside the home as well as waged employment, many women are active in many popular organizations, including FENASTRAS.

Government-organized campaigns are waged against popular organizations in the press and on television. FENASTRAS members' names and home addresses are broadcast on the radio and in newspapers.

"We are accused as being fronts for the FMLN. This opens up possibilities for the death squads."

While FENASTRAS does not deal directly with student issues, they cooperate with student groups. FENASTRAS is part of the Committee to Rescue the University of El Salvador.

"We are trying to rescue the university from the government."

The university is under seige from the government. Last year, six Jesuit priests who were among the intellectual leaders of the country were killed in a raid which also claimed the lives of two Salvadorean women.

"It is difficult for students to live in this situation," said Rodriguez. "They see their basic rights to study being taken away.

"As well, they have to fight for their share of the national budget. Money meant for education is spent on the war."

Students in Canada can help Salvadorean popular organizations by writing "urgent actions" and boycotting products from El Salvador.

Coffee is being boycotted internationally, and FENASTRAS, which represents coffee workers, is supporting the boycott.

"We know it benefits the general population of El Salvador. It doesn't affect the workers. It affects the coffee plantation owners. The money from the coffee industry is used to support the war against the people."

The UVic Association for Peace and Justice in Cantral America (APJCA) staffs an urgent action table in the SUB each Thursday. □

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Hot Dog!
Ski the Island

The ski season approacheth.

The signs are clear: leaves absent from trees, increasingly chilly weather, rain in the lowlands, a new Warren Miller movie, snows in the highlands, and the appearance of funny shaped metal racks on cars which couldn't make it to the corner but miraculously manage the whitest mountaintop.

Winter wipes its boots on our doorstep, while ringing the doorbell. Powder festivities are imminent.

With windsurfing very much in the rear-view mirror, we can finally enter the first stage of the ski season — frantically phoning ski reports and airports to check for freshly dumped snow on the hills.

With conditions the way they are, local ski shops would be smart to hire psychiatrists to console the large volume of crazies phoning up, begging for new conditions. Or perhaps just convincing us to rent ski movies, which only makes the waiting more agonizing and intolerable.

Pray that by the time exams are finished we'll be able to gliss the frozen white, or at least convince somebody to rent us skis.

Luckily, the current shortage of snow is only on the Island, and those from the Mainland can point their rusted out vehicles towards Whistler and Blackcomb.

Blackcomb, by the way, was quickly featured in the latest Warren Miller film and it was incredible to see extreme skiers in familiar territory.

One yahoo jumped from a lip at the top of Jersey Cream and landed halfway down the face. Other boneheads skied with wonder-dog Zudnik, which seemed intense at first because the terrain was difficult for a doggie.

But the real reason for the dog's companionship was revealed when he dug a group member out of an avalanche(!).

Good dog.

If you are stuck on the island however, do not distress. The mountains here, especially Mt. Washington, are capable of snow dumps in the 80 cm range. Its ideal location on the coast brings snow which never reaches mainland peaks. The precipitation here is exclusively ours, and we're famous for it.

Another good reason to ski here on the island as opposed to the Whistler/Blackcomb scene is the fact development is significantly less over here. The difference in commercialism means that you can ski for $27 instead of $42.

More importantly, it is possible to rent accommodations extremely cheaply. This isn't possible up at Blackcomb unless you plan to camp in a van in their parking lot. Ouch.

At any rate, the point is that we are on a collison course with the ski season and it's time to deal with our restless nature.

Ski carefreely.

What? A Skiing Virgin?

Okay, you've never been inclined to put yourself into a pair of skis and endure cold weather while clearcutting down the side of a mountain, and you've also heard George Carlin's monologue about how goofy a sport skiing is.

Well, all birds get pushed out of the nest sometime, and the time has come for you to ski.

The first step to take is to round up some warm clothes. Wool is good, it'll keep you warm if it gets wet. Dress in layers, and cover up in a wind-breaking shell.

A neck-warmer is a smart move for those chilly chairlifts, as well as a toque. And remember, we have a tradition to uphold in Canada, so never call your toque a hat.

Leave that to the neon clad masses. Of course you'll need gloves and warm pants.

The second step to take is rent some equipment. You'll need boots, skis, and poles.

Boots need to be comfy, just like hiking boots. To start, skis should be short. Pole size is a matter of personal preference, but the top of a pole should be somewhere around your nipple.

Don't buy right away, because your skill level will improve quickly and you'll have already outsmarted your newly bought equipment.

The third step is picking a mountain. Just picking any old mountain that sits prettily on the horizon will result in mass frustration and lostness, so try and go to a well known and facilitated place.

More importantly, it'll have ski instructors and chairlifts. Washington or Forbidden would be nice safe bet.

The fourth step is to get a lesson. Taking lessons from an instructor, especially a group lesson with friends, is a herpty-herpty fun way to learn.

And most mountains have deals where if you can't ski by the end of a lesson, you'll get free lessons until you can. Mt. Washington does.

With this guarantee, it seems impossible not to learn how to ski. Take a few more lessons, become one with your skis, and you'll become tail-waggingly happy.

The fifth step of proper learn-to-ski etiquette is the final touch. It requires a complete commitment, which ranges from gazing longingly at snowy mountains, to yelling fitting comments from the chairlift towards those wiping out below you.

It's the feeling of being the first on the mountain, as well as the cold beer after a knee-banging

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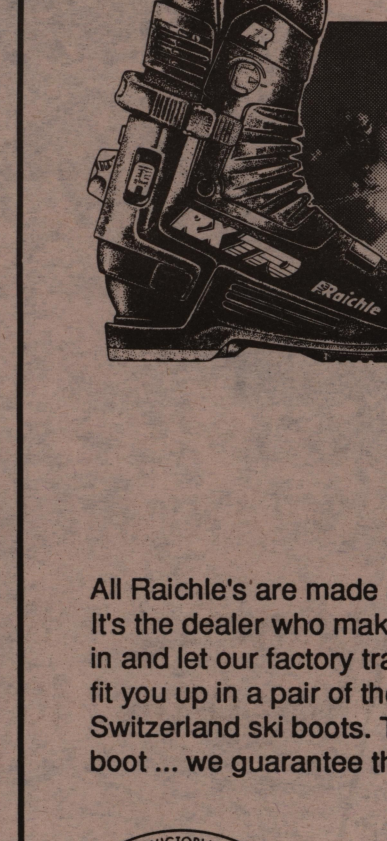

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Skiers, this is your chance to win a lift ticket to the Island's pride, Mt. Washington. All we want you to do is snap a photo somewhere along a skiing theme, and bring it into the Martlet office, or leave it in our mailbox if you are afraid of us, and you could pull back with a lift ticket to Mt. Washington. The catch is, you're going to have to use black and white film. Plus, put your name and phone number on the back of your snapshot if you want it returned. Use colour film as a last resort.

Go and photograph your friends as they come off of a Forty Foot Fred, shoot someone meeting a tree, or just put on your boots and make love to the camera. Bonus points for ski patrols having yard sales.

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A one or two hour lesson is ideal for families or groups of friends with similar abilities. Or you may have difficulty with moguls or powder snow. A private instructor can quickly provide some pointers to help you enjoy challenging mogul fields and deep powder bowls.

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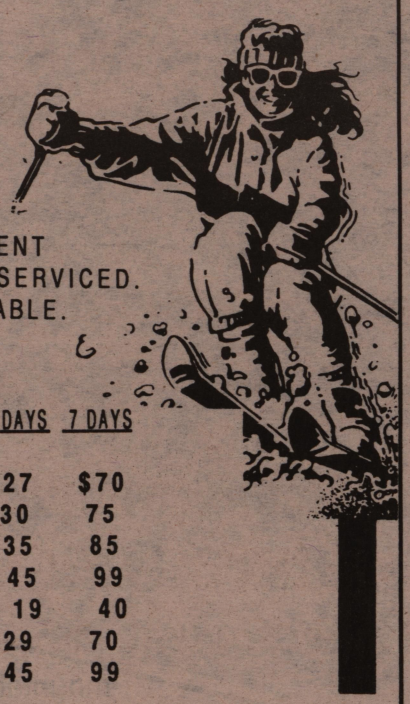

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The Unofficial Ski Wipeout Rating Guide

Here is the Unofficial Martlet Wipeout Rating Guide, for those skiers who may need clarification. It goes to 11.

General chairlift etiquette doesn't require a response for falls that rate a six or under.

Falls rating a seven or eight should be commended (It's okay just to yell their score, or comment on the pain they may be suffering.)

Any nines or 10s should recieve extremely appreciative applause and instant respect.

And if you ever see an 11, well, you've just earned back the price of your season's pass.

Here is the guide, and remember, the speed of your crash will directly influence your final score.

1. Falling over due to exhaustion, usually on a turn in deep snow at the end of day.

2. Wiping out because your attention was somewhere else. ie. laughing at other skiers' expense, watching the opposite sex.

3. Leaning back too far while attempting a wall-crawling steep jump. Velocity and size of jump could help very much.

4. Collision with another skier. Great way to see who's touchy about their skis, because ski edges do lots of damage. Again, speed and airtime figure importantly here, but for the most part, collisions are slow and unimpressive. Bonus for hitting a skier who tucks with their poles pointing straight up.

5. Mogul explosions. This involves hot death in a mogul field, where a skier either can't cope and leans back into oblivion, (they shake like they're being hit by rapid gunfire) or a mist-imed jump lands a skier in pain.

Watch from a distance for the poor soul who loses a ski on a turn and tries to ski out on one ski. Full leg swinging bronco busting death ride.

6. The Yard Sale. The original crash and burn as performed by Todd Brooker in Kitsbueler. This involves a long steepish slope and copious amounts of speed.

Upon the initial phases of crashing, skis and poles are abandoned. In the later stages of the crash, toque, goggles, gloves, and knapsack are jettisoned. Then, a bumpy slide of about half the slope ensues, where snow enters every conceivable opening in your outfit. Finally, you are left at the bottom of the hill with your equipment strewn all over the mountain. Hence the name yard sale.

7. Seven involves any number of combinations of the preceding six. It is the number to yell when you're impressed, but not sure what to yell.

8. From eight to 10, all crashes involve a serious degree of airtime, three seconds of hang is the minimum here.

An eight is the basic attempt to impress the crowd by attempting a stunt light years beyond your experience. Any two combos from one to seven must occur also.

9. If a crash ever resembles a stunt that Super Dave may have attempted, then feel secure in awarding a nine. Facial expressions and a sudden ability to be flexibile could garner a 9.4 or five, and speed, originality and sound could boost up to 9.7 or 9.8.

10. A 10 is reserved for rugged individuals who manage to thoroughly engineer their demise. The skier will briefly meet God before being thrown into a future life.

Surviving this death crash, the skier will become a volatile person to ski with, with a newly acquired irrational and erratic side. One taco short of a combination plate. Don't try it at home.

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Shredding Conditions

Ski Report for Tuesday Dec. 4

Whistler–153cm base/70cm new, good conditions, soft packed, open.

Mt. Washington – 75cm base/30cm. new, forecasting cold and snow, hoping to open this Friday.

Baker –145cm /18cm new, Canadian money accepted at par, open

Grouse – 86cm base/no new, it's raining

Forbidden Plateau–CLOSED

Seymour – 29 cm new snow.

Big White – 96 cm base /1 cm new

Silver Star – 117 cm base /8 cm new

Apex –155 cm base/trace of new

Tod – 125cm. base/no new

A slightly soggy starting season finds Mt. Washington presently with 75 cm of frozen cold. Washington is reknown for its massive dumps of snow and by their estimated opening day we should be able to ski more than just our bases off.

The Snow Phone number in Victoria is 386-2754.

Skiers Responsibility Code

A ski injury is likely to be a pretty good one, so avoiding them is an even better idea.

1. Ski under control and in such a manner you can stop and avoid other skiers or objects.

2. When skiing downhill or overtaking another skier, you must avoid the skier below you.

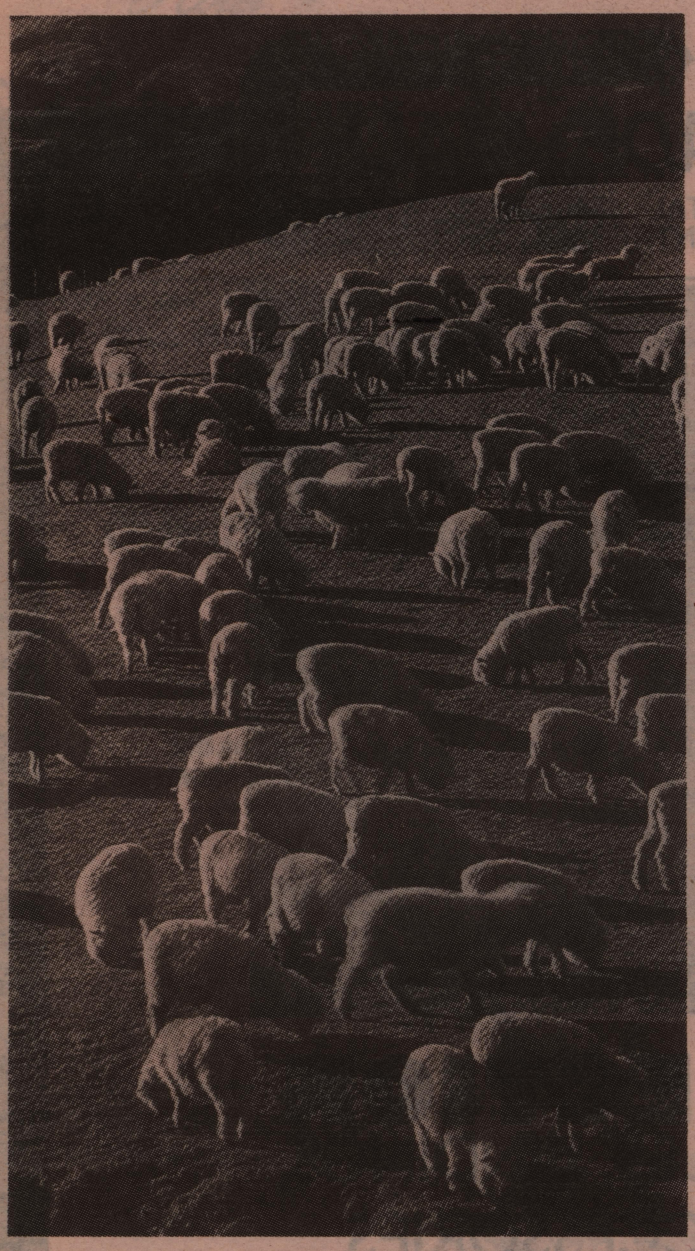
3. Don't stop where you obstruct a trail.

4. When entering an area, yield to other skiers.

5. Use safe bindings that stop your ski if you're having a yard sale.

6. Stay off closed trails, and ski in the boundaries.

7. Reckless skiing is:
Jumping in blind areas.
Skiing fast in crowded areas.
Skiing fast and out of control.
Actions endangering others on the hill.



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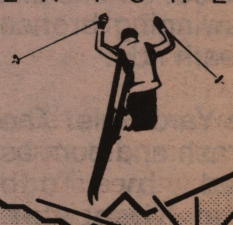
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